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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 33 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), by amending chapter 1 to add a new section 101 to define handwritten signatures and electronic signatures, to add a new section 102 to recognize electronic signatures with the validity as handwritten signatures, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

2           Section 1. Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Code of the  
3 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby  
4 amended by adding a new section 101, to read as follows:

5           "Section 101. Definitions.

6           When used in this chapter:

7                 (1) "Handwritten signature" means a  
8                 handwritten mark or sign made by a person, it does  
9                 not need to be legible or in English, and may be  
10                abbreviated as long as this is consistent with how  
11                the person signing normally signs his or her name.

12               A person may use an "X" or similar mark as his or  
13                her signature;

14               (2) "Electronic Signature" means an electronic sound,  
15                symbol, or process, attached to or logically associated  
16                with a contract or other record and executed or adopted  
17                by an individual with the intent to sign the record."

18           Section 2. Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Code of the  
19 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended

1 by adding a new section 102, to read as follows:

2           "Section 102. Electronic signatures.

3                 (1) Electronic signatures shall have the same  
4           validity as handwritten signatures;

5                 (2) the framework and any other implementing measures  
6           will be promulgated by regulations by the Department of  
7           Resources and Development in conjunction and  
8           consultation with other relevant departments within the  
9           Executive branch."

10          Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by  
11 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon  
12 its becoming law without such approval.

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14   Date: 11/13/25

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