
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 302 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), for the purpose of creating a four year term for the National Election Director, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 302 of Title 9 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended
3 to read as follows:

4 "Section 302. Appointment of national election
5 officials.

6 (1) National Election Director.

7 (a) The President shall appoint one National
8 Election Director with the advice and consent of the
9 Congress. The National Election Director shall be a
10 Resident of a State of the Federated States of
11 Micronesia.

12 (b) The National Election Director shall serve
13 a term of four years [~~until resignation~~], or until
14 removed from office upon a determination by the
15 President that such removal is necessary. An
16 appointment of a successor shall then be made by the
17 President with the advice and consent of the
18 Congress.

19 (2) National election commissioners.

1 (a) The President shall appoint a national
2 election commissioner for each of the four States
3 with the advice and consent of Congress.

4 (b) National election commissioners shall
5 serve for a term of four years, which term shall
6 commence upon appointment, subject to removal by the
7 President for cause; provided, that they shall be
8 employed full-time and compensated pursuant to
9 employment contracts during their four-year terms
10 only for such period(s) of time as deemed necessary
11 by the National Election Director for the purpose of
12 preparing for and administering an upcoming National
13 Election.

14 (c) National election commissioners shall not
15 concurrently serve as State election commissioners;
16 provided, however, that if any current national
17 election commissioner is nominated to serve as a
18 State election commissioner, he or she may continue
19 to serve as national election commissioner until such
20 time as a new appointment by the President becomes
21 effective.

22 (d) Each national election commissioner shall
23 be a legal Resident of the State for which he or she
24 is appointed to serve as national election
25 commissioner.

1 (3) Election board and counting and tabulation
2 committee members.

3 (a) The national election commissioner of each
4 State, with the approval of the National Election
5 Director, shall appoint an election board for each
6 Polling Place on or before January 2nd of each
7 election year. There shall be at least two board
8 members at each Polling Place.

9 (b) The national election commissioner of each
10 State, with the approval of the National Election
11 Director, shall appoint members of the counting and
12 tabulation committee for each Polling Place on or
13 before January 2nd of an election year. There shall
14 be at least three committee members for each Polling
15 Place.

16 (c) Election board and counting and tabulation
17 committee members shall serve until the completion of
18 the electoral process for a general or special
19 election in a given election year, or until
20 resignation or removal from office for cause by the
21 National Election Director after consultation with
22 the national election commissioner for the State
23 concerned; provided, that they shall be compensated
24 pursuant to employment contracts only for such
25 period(s) of time as deemed necessary by the national

1 election commissioner for the purpose of preparing
2 for and administering an upcoming election.

3 (d) Election board and counting and tabulation
4 committee members shall be legal Residents of the
5 State and Congressional Election District for which
6 they are appointed to serve."

7 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
8 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
9 becoming law without such approval.

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11 Date: 7/2/26

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