
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 605 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), for the purpose of establishing a required special Polling Place in or near Portland, Oregon, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 605 of Title 9 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended
3 to read as follows:

4 "Section 605. Voting absentee ballot at a special
5 Polling Place.

6 (1) Registered Voters who are absent from their
7 State of registration on Election Day may cast their
8 votes at a special Polling Place.

9 (2) Not less than 60 days prior to a general
10 election, or 45 days prior to a special election, the
11 National Election Director shall designate the
12 locations of the special Polling Places, provided
13 that, there shall be one special Polling Place in
14 Guam, ~~[and]~~ one special Polling Place in Honolulu,
15 Hawaii, and one special Polling Place in Portland,
16 Oregon and that these shall be the only special
17 Polling Places located outside the Federated States
18 of Micronesia.

(3) Requests to vote absentee ballot at a special Polling Place must be in writing, using the forms required by the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title, and received by the national election commissioner of the State of registration not less than 30 days prior to a general election or 20 days before a special election; provided however, no written request shall be required if in a previous National Election the absentee voter submitted a request in which he or she indicated his or her desire to vote at the same special Polling Place in future National Elections until such time as the voter provides written notification to the national election commissioner that he or she wishes to resume voting at his or her regular Polling Place. Provided, further, that a voter with a valid Voter Identification Card may vote at any special Polling Place designated for his or her Congressional Election District without submitting a written request.

(4) The national election commissioner, or his or her designee, shall review all special Polling Place requests for a particular Congressional Election District, and shall request that the National Election Director place on a special Polling Place

1 Signature List for that Congressional Election
2 District all the information contained on the
3 National Voter Register for those absentee voters who
4 submitted valid and timely requests. No later than
5 six days before a National Election, the national
6 election commissioners shall post at the National
7 Election Office in their State the special Polling
8 Place Signature List for each special Polling Place
9 in their State.

10 (5) The National Election Director, or his or her
11 designee, shall review all requests to vote at a
12 special Polling Place outside the Federated States of
13 Micronesia, and shall place on a special Polling
14 Place signature list for that special Polling Place
15 all the information contained on the National Voter
16 Register for those absentee voters who submitted
17 valid and timely requests. No later than 14 days
18 before a National Election, the National Election
19 Director, or his or her designee, shall post the
20 special Polling Place Signature Lists for Guam ~~[and]~~,
21 Honolulu, Hawaii, and Portland, Oregon in a publicly
22 accessible place in each respective location to be
23 set out in the regulations promulgated pursuant to
24 this title.

25 (6) The National Election Director, or his or her

1 designee, shall strike out or delete the entry of an
2 absentee voter included on a special Polling Place
3 Signature list from the Signature List for that
4 voter's regular Polling Place. The absentee voter
5 shall not be allowed to cast a ballot at his or her
6 regular Polling Place on Election Day.

7 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
8 title, the special Polling Places located outside the
9 Federated States of Micronesia shall remain open
10 between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on election day."

11 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
12 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
13 becoming law without such approval.

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15 Date: 9/22/26

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