
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), by amending section 405 thereof, for the purpose of changing the duration allowed for any registered voter who wishes to vote at a different Congressional election District or Municipality of residency and/or his or her State of residency in National Elections; and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 405 of title 9 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "Section 405. Change of registration.

5 (1) Any Registered Voter who changes his or her
6 Congressional Election District or Municipality of
7 residency, but not his or her State of residency~~[, or~~
8 ~~who changes his or her name after registration,~~] must
9 file a change of registration request form and
10 supporting documentation not less than 365 days before
11 a National Election, as required by the rules and
12 regulations promulgated pursuant to this title, with
13 the national election commissioner of his or her State.

14 (2) Any Registered Voter who (a) changes his or her
15 State of residency, and (b) wishes to register to vote
16 in National Elections in his or her new State of
17 residency, must file a change of registration request

1 form and supporting documentation not less than 365
2 days before a National Election, as required by the
3 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this
4 title, with the national election commissioner of the
5 new State of residence.

6 (3) Any Registered Voter who changes his or her name
7 after registration, must file a change of registration
8 request form and supporting documentation not less than
9 30 days before a National Election, as required by the
10 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this
11 title, with the national election commissioner of his
12 or her State.

13 [~~(3)~~](4) Upon receipt of a change of registration
14 form under subsection (1) and (3) of this section, the
15 national election commissioner shall determine whether
16 the Registered Voter has submitted sufficient proof of
17 his or her change in name or residency. Upon making
18 this determination, the national election commissioner
19 shall cause the entry on the National Voter Register
20 for that Registered Voter to be amended in order to
21 reflect the change in name or residency.

22 [~~(4)~~](5) Upon receipt of a change of registration form
23 under subsection (2) of this section, the national
24 election commissioner of the new State of residence shall

25 (a) determine whether the Registered Voter has

submitted sufficient proof of his or her change in
residency, and

(b) verify the voter's registration in the
former State of residence with the national election
commissioner of the former State of residence.

Upon verification of change in residency and of prior
registration, the national election commissioner of the
new State of residence shall cause the entry on the
National Voter Register for that Registered Voter to be
amended to reflect the change in residency, and advise
the national election commissioner of the former State
of residence to remove the Registered Voter from any
lists maintained in that State.

~~[(5)]~~ (6) Upon approving a change in residency or
name pursuant to subsections ~~[(3)]~~ (4) and ~~[(4)]~~ (5) of
this section, the national election commissioner
processing the request shall notify the Registered
Voter of the approval in writing.

~~[(6)]~~ (7) Change of registration forms pursuant to
subsections (1) and (2) of this section received by the
national election commissioners less than ~~[30]~~ 365 days
before a National Election shall not be accepted for
that election.

(8) All other change of registration forms,
including but not limited to those described in

1 subsection (3) of this section, received by the
2 national election commissioners less than 30 days
3 before a National Election shall not be accepted for
4 that election.

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

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9 Date: 9/22/26

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