TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION, 2026 C.B. NO. 24-226

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 707 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated) to add a subsection (2) to allow candidate representatives to be present in the State Election Commissioner's Office without restrictions from beginning of voters' registration until all votes are tabulated, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 707 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 707. Poll watchers and Candidate Representatives.

(1) Each candidate shall be entitled to have not more than two poll watchers at each Polling Place.

(2) Each candidate shall be entitled to have not more than two Candidate Representatives at each Polling Place and at the State Election Commissioner's Office, including the Guam Consulate Office and the Honolulu Consulate Office at the beginning of voters' registration to help receive, process, and verify the names and number of voters registration received by the Office and transferred onto the voter's masters list for each polling place. Candidate Representatives may be present when the master list of voters is being prepared and should be allowed to review the master

list after its completion. Candidate Representatives should be allowed to be present without restrictions from the time polls open until the tabulation of all the votes is completed. For the voters masters list prepared for each polling place by the National Election Commissioner's Office, if the state also has an election on the election date as the National Government, the state's voters master list for that election shall also be used by the National Election Commissioner and its polling places election poll workers and candidates' Candidate Representative during preparation of the masters list, the Office should always afford the Candidate Representative's the opportunity to examine the requests received for the day and the master list thus prepared for that day."

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

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