TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION, 2026 C.B. NO. 24-227

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 change his or her State of residency to vote in National Elections; and for other purposes.

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

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

"Section 405. Change of registration.

(1) Any Registered Voter who changes his or her Congressional Election District or Municipality of residency or polling place within his or her existing Municipality, but not his or her State of residency, or who changes his or her name after registration, must file a change of registration request form and supporting documentation not less than 30 days before a National Election, as required by the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title, with the national election commissioner of his or her State.

(2) Any Registered Voter who (a) changes his or her State of residency, and (b) wishes to register to vote in National Elections in his or her new State of

residency, must file a change of registration request form and supporting documentation not less than 365 days before a National Election, as required by the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title, with the national election commissioner of the new State of residence.

(3) Upon receipt of a change of registration form under subsection (1) of this section, the national election commissioner shall determine whether the Registered Voter has submitted sufficient proof of his or her change in name or residency. Upon making this determination, the national election commissioner shall cause the entry on the National Voter Register for that Registered Voter to be amended in order to reflect the change in name or residency.

(4) Upon receipt of a change of registration form under subsection (2) of this section, the national election commissioner of the new State of residence shall

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

(6) Change of registration forms pursuant to subsection (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 subsections (1) and (3) of this section, received by the national election commissioners less than 30 days before a National Election shall not be accepted for that election.

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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