
AN ACT

To establish the Chuuk State Legislature Administration Act of 1991, to repeal TSL Nos. 1-1-11, 2-2-15, 5-52, and 5-86, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHUUK STATE LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act
2 is to establish the Chuuk State Legislature Administration
3 Act of 1991 to provide for the internal organization and
4 administration of the Chuuk State Legislature and its staff.

5 Section 2. Bicameral Legislature. In accordance
6 with the provisions of the Chuuk State Constitution, the
7 Chuuk State Legislature is bicameral. It consists of the
8 Senate and the House of Representatives.

9 Section 3. The following Offices shall serve
10 both houses of the Legislature.

11 (1) Office of the Legislative Counsel.

12 (a) There shall be in the Chuuk State
13 Legislature an office of the Legislative Counsel
14 which shall be under the direct supervision and
15 control of the Legislative Counsel. The
16 Legislature, by joint resolution, shall approve
17 a Legislative Counsel to serve the Legislature
18 during and between sessions, who shall be
19 nominated by the presiding officers. Nomination
20 of the Legislative Counsel shall be made without
21 reference to political affiliations and solely
22 on the ground of fitness to perform the duties
23 of the office as follows:

24 (1) to act as counsel for and legal
25 advisor of the Legislature, to draft bills,
26 resolutions, amendments thereto, and render

1 legal services to the committee or any
2 member of the Legislature when requested;
3 (2) to undertake such legal research
4 as shall be requested by the Legislature,
5 its committees or members;
6 (3) to advise the Legislature from
7 time to time as to needed revisions of
8 the laws of Chuuk State and of the rules
9 of procedures;
10 (4) to report to the Legislature
11 as necessary, those laws which have become
12 obsolete, inoperative, or which are in
13 conflict with other laws, resolutions
14 or decisions of the courts and make re-
15 commendations in regard thereto;
16 (5) to serve as parliamentarian;
17 (6) to provide research, reference
18 services on legislative and administrative
19 problems;
20 (7) to secure reports of various
21 offices, departments and administrative
22 departments which affect Chuuk, the
23 Federated States of Micronesia, and of
24 the states and other territories of the
25 United States of America; and such other
26 materials, periodicals, or books, and
27 will furnish the fullest information
28 practicable upon matters pertaining to
29 current or proposed legislation and to
30 legislative and administrative problems;
31 and

1 (8) to perform such other related
2 duties as the President or Speaker may
3 direct; PROVIDED, that the Legislative
4 Counsel or any staff attorney of the
5 Legislature shall not engage in private
6 practice and shall not practice law in
7 matters not related to the Legislature.

8 (b) Deputy Legislative Counsel. The
9 Legislative Counsel shall designate a Deputy
10 Legislative Counsel with the concurrence of
11 both the President and the Speaker. He may
12 assume the functions of the Legislative
13 Counsel in his absence.

14 (c) Staff Attorneys. There shall be
15 four full-time staff attorneys, the Deputy
16 Legislative Counsel inclusive, in the Legis-
17 lative Counsel's Office who shall be under
18 the direct supervision of the Legislative
19 Counsel. They may be hired and removed by
20 the Legislative Counsel with the concurrence
21 of both the President and the Speaker. If
22 the Legislature needs the services of temporary
23 staff attorneys during or between sessions,
24 such services may be limited to the temporary
25 nature of the legislative need, as specified
26 in the contractual services. Any person employed
27 as an attorney of the Legislature shall be
28 a graduate of an accredited law school in the
29 jurisdiction where the school is located and
30 admitted to practice law in any jurisdiction,
31 or is a member of the bar of the Supreme Court
32 of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 (d) Legal Aides. There shall be not
2 more than four full-time Legal Aides who may
3 be hired and removed by the Legislative
4 Counsel with the concurrence of the President
5 and the Speaker, to perform all duties and
6 responsibilities as the Legislative Counsel
7 may direct and assign. If a vacancy occurs,
8 there shall be no hiring until there are two
9 remaining legal aides. During sessions,
10 however, temporary Legal Aides, if needed
11 may be hired.

12 (e) There shall be four permanent legal
13 secretaries in the Legislative Counsel Office,
14 who may be hired and removed by the Legislative
15 Counsel with the concurrence of the President
16 and the Speaker.

17 (f) Librarian. A position for a Legis-
18 lative Librarian is hereby created. Subject
19 to the direction and supervision of the Legis-
20 lative Counsel, the Librarian shall have charge
21 of and shall manage the Legislative Library.
22 The Librarian shall have the authority to manage
23 such library in a manner consistent with
24 applicable standards of library operations,
25 including the power to make acquisition of
26 books, periodicals, newspaper and other
27 publications for which funds have been appro-
28 priated.

29 (2) Administration Office. There shall be
30 an Administration Office which shall be under the
31 supervision and control of the Administrative Officer.

1 The position of an Assistant Administrative
2 Officer is created to assist the Administrative
3 Officer in the performance of the duties and
4 responsibilities related to the administration
5 of the Legislature. He may assume the
6 functions of the Administrative Officer in
7 his absence. The Administrative Officer shall
8 be responsible for the hiring and removal of
9 all employees of the Administration Office,
10 including the security guards and custodians,
11 with the concurrence of the President and the
12 Speaker.

13 (3) Budget Office. There shall be a
14 Budget Office which shall be under the super-
15 vision and control of the Budget Officer.
16 The Budget Officer shall be responsible for
17 all budgetary and financial matters pertain-
18 ing to the administration of the Legislature.
19 There shall be an Assistant Budget Officer
20 to perform such duties as assigned by the Budget
21 Officer and to assume the functions of the
22 Budget Officer in his absence. All personnel
23 of the Budget Office may be hired and removed
24 by the Budget Officer with the concurrence
25 of the President and the Speaker. Other
26 personnel may be added to this office, who
27 are specialists in any profession which the
28 legislature may deem necessary from time to
29 time.

30 Section 4. House of Representatives. The

1 following offices serve the House of Representatives
2 under the direct supervision of the Speaker.

3 (1) Office of the Chief Clerk. There
4 shall be a Chief Clerk who shall be responsi-
5 ble for the processing and distribution of
6 bills and resolutions and other duties as the
7 Speaker may indicate. He shall be responsible
8 for the hiring and removal of all employees
9 of the House including House secretaries,
10 pages, driver, and those enumerated in Sub-
11 sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Section with the
12 concurrence of the Speaker, except the
13 Sergeant-at-Arms who shall be selected by
14 members of the House and supervised by the
15 Chief Clerk.

16 (2) Assistant Chief Clerk. There is
17 hereby created a position of Assistant Chief
18 Clerk who shall perform such duties and
19 responsibilities assigned by the Chief Clerk
20 or the Speaker. He may assume the functions
21 of the Chief Clerk in his absence.

22 (3) Journal Clerk. There shall be a
23 Journal Clerk who shall be responsible for
24 the recording of all proceedings of the House
25 of Representatives, and for the performance
26 of such other duties as the Chief Clerk or
27 the Speaker may direct.

28 (4) Public Information Officer. There
29 shall be a Public Information Officer who shall
30 be responsible for the dissemination to the

1 public of House information and related
2 matters. He may also perform such other duties
3 as the Chief Clerk or the Speaker may direct.

4 Section 5. Senate. The following offices
5 shall serve the Senate under the direct supervision
6 of the President.

7 (1) Office of Chief Clerk. There shall be
8 a Chief Clerk who shall be responsible for
9 the processing and distribution of bills and
10 resolutions and other duties as the President
11 may direct. He shall be responsible for the
12 hiring and removal of all employees of the
13 Senate, including Senate secretaries, driver,
14 and those enumerated in Subsections 2, 3 and
15 4 of this Section, with the concurrence of
16 the President, except the Sergeant-at-Arms
17 who shall be selected by members of the Senate
18 and supervised by the Chief Clerk.

19 (2) Assistant Chief Clerk. There is
20 hereby created a position of an Assistant Chief
21 Clerk who shall perform such duties and
22 responsibilities assigned by the Chief Clerk
23 or the President. He may assume the functions
24 of the Chief Clerk in his absence.

25 (3) Journal Clerk. There shall be a
26 Journal Clerk who shall be responsible for
27 the recording of all proceedings of the Senate,
28 and for the performance of such other duties
29 as the Chief Clerk or the President may direct.

30 (4) Public Information Office. There
31 shall be a Public Information Officer who shall

1 responsible for the dissemination to the
2 public of Senate information and related
3 matters. He may also perform such other duties
4 as the Chief Clerk or the President may direct.

5 Section 6. Application of the Public Service
6 System Act. The hiring, removal, and regulation of regular
7 employees of the Chuuk State Legislature shall be governed
8 by the State Public Service System Act unless exempted
9 from the application of said law.

10 Section 7. Administration of the Legislature.
11 The internal administration of the Legislature, its
12 facilities and property, shall be under the supervision
13 of both the President and the Speaker. The President and
14 the Speaker shall have the authority to promulgate regulations
15 and policies pertaining to the internal administration
16 of the Legislature. The internal administration of the
17 House shall be supervised by the Speaker and the internal
18 administration of the Senate shall be supervised by the
19 President.


20 Section 8. Effect of this Act. Nothing herein
21 shall be construed to limit such legislative functions
22 and powers as provided in the Constitution and in the
23 respective rules of the two Houses of the Legislature.

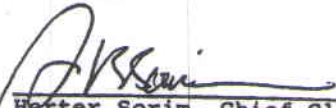
24 Section 9. Repeal. Truk State Law Nos. 1-1-11,
25 2-2-15, 5-52, and 5-86 are hereby repealed in their entireties.

26 Section 10. Effective Date. This Act shall
27 take effect upon approval by the Governor, or upon its
28 becoming law without such approval.

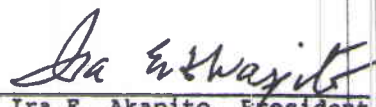
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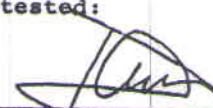
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Wisande K. Sos, Speaker
House of Representatives
Chuuk State Legislature

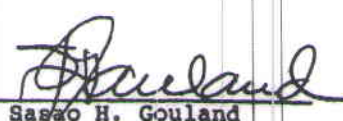
Attested: 
Herter Sorim, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
Chuuk State Legislature

Date: March 4, 1991

Signed by: 
Ira E. Akapito, President
Senate
Chuuk State Legislature

Attested: 
Datasi Albert, Chief Clerk
Senate
Chuuk State Legislature

Date: March 7, 1991

Approved by: 
Sasso H. Gouland
Governor
Chuuk State Government

Date: 3/25/91

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