

AN ACT

Establishing a Chuuk State Laws Codification Commission, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHUUK STATE LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Statement of Purpose. The governance of Chuuk is based
2 upon the rule of law. The ability of Chuuk State to enforce its laws is
3 directly related to the citizen's knowledge of and respect for such laws.
4 Without accessible, understandable statutes, Chuuk citizens cannot be
5 expected to abide by the law's prohibitions or to understand their rights
6 and responsibilities. Further, the government cannot be expected to
7 enforce its statutes. By compiling and codifying its statutes Chuuk State
8 shall enhance the strength of its democratic form of government.

9 Section 2. Codification Commission Established; Membership.

10 (a) There is established a Chuuk State Laws Codification
11 Commission.

12 (b) The Commission shall consist of the following members:

13 (i) The Chuuk State Legislature, Legislative Counsel
14 who shall act as chairperson of the commission;

15 (ii) The Attorney General of Chuuk State;

16 (iii) The Directing Attorney of the Micronesian Legal
17 Services Corporation;

18 (iv) The Court Attorney of the Chuuk State Supreme
19 Court.

20 (c) The Commission may appoint any person who is
21 knowledgeable about the law and problems and issues related to its
22 compilation and codification to assist the commission. Such person
23 shall be a nonvoting member.

24 Section 3. Commission's Duties. The Commission shall:

25 (a) Prepare bid specifications, solicit bids, and select a
26 contractor or contractors for the compilation, codification and
27 printing of the Chuuk State Laws;

28 (b) Draft and recommend legislation appropriating funds for

1 the compilation, codification, and printing of Chuuk's laws;

2 (c) Advise the contractor on issues relative to, but not
3 limited to, Code format, publication standards, and legal issues;

4 (d) Review and approve contractor's proposed Chuuk State
5 Code;

6 (e) Prepare and recommend legislation adopting the Chuuk
7 State Code; and

8 (f) Perform any other tasks necessary to the codification of
9 the laws.

10 Section 4. Travel Expenses. Members shall serve the commission on
11 a voluntary basis except for travel expenses and per diem.

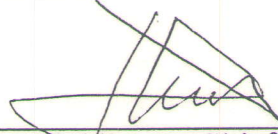
12 Section 5. Report. The Commission shall submit a report to the
13 Legislature, the Governor, and the Chuuk State Supreme Court within 30
14 days after the proposed compilation of Chuuk State law has been submitted
15 to the Legislature.

16 Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon approval
17 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.
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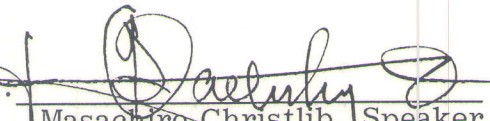
Roger S. Mori, President
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Chuuk State Legislature

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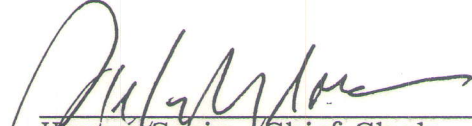


Datasi Albert, Chief Clerk
Senate
Chuuk State Legislature

Date: October 7, 1996

Signed by: 
Masachiro Christlib, Speaker
House of Representatives
Chuuk State Legislature

Attested:


Herter Scrim, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
Chuuk State Legislature

October 7, 1996

Approved by: _____
Marcellino Umwech, Governor
Chuuk State

Date: _____

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