SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CHUUK

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, FEBRUARY, 2004

ACT NO: 7-16

AN ACT

To amend sections 1, 2, 14 and 16 of Chuuk State Law No. 7-03-06, by changing the number of Constitutional Convention, the time period set prior to the adjournment sine die of the Convention, and the educators on the proposed amendments, and by supplementing the funds of the expenses of the Convention, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHUUK STATE LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. <u>Amendment</u>. Sections 1, 2, 14 and 16 of Chuuk State Law No. 7-03-06 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. <u>Constitutional Convention</u>. A Constitutional Convention is hereby established in accordance with the popular vote of the people of Chuuk as expressed in the March 4, 2003 election on said question for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Chuuk State Constitution. The Convention shall be known as the "Third State of Chuuk Constitutional Convention".

Section 2. <u>Sessions of Convention</u>. The Convention shall be convened on a date as may be determined by the Pre-Convention Committee, but within such time so as to permit the Convention to complete its task and be adjourned sine die any time prior to September 30, 2004. The Convention shall meet Monday through Friday except on legal holidays; PROVIDED, that Convention sessions may be held on weekends or holidays, or the convention may recess for a period not to exceed in aggregate thirty calendar days, excluding weekend and legal holidays, by a majority vote of all the delegates of the Convention . By a majority vote of the delegates, the session may be extended once for up to and not more than 15 Convention days.

Section 14. <u>Public Education</u>. The delegates and staff of the Third Chuuk State Constitutional Convention shall be responsible for conducting education programs on the Convention and the proposed constitutional amendments from the time the Convention adjourned sine die until the date of the referendum on the proposed constitutional amendments adopted by the Convention.

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1		Section 16. Autho	rization and Appropriation.
2		(1)	The sum of \$243,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
3			is appropriated from the General Fund of Chuuk State for the
4			purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, as follows:
5			(a) Election of Delegates, \$50,000;
6			(b) Expenses of the Convention, \$143,000.00; and
7 .			(c) Education and Referendum, \$50,000.
8		(2)	The sums authorized by section 16(1)(a) and (c) of this act is
9			are hereby appropriated and shall be allotted to the Governor
10		-	who shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds are used
11		,	only for the purposes specified in section 16(1)(a) and (c), and
12			that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sums
13			appropriated. Any part of this appropriation, except sub-section
14			(1)(c), not obligated as of September 30, 2003, shall remain
15			available for the purpose of funding activities of the
16			Convention as stated in section 16(1)(b) hereof.
17		(3)	The Governor shall submit a report to the Legislature not later
18			than 90 days after the close of the fiscal year ending September
19			30, 2004, which shall provide for the full disclosure of the
20			obligations incurred against the sum and the balance of such
21			sum appropriated by section 16(1)(a) and (c) of this act, as
22			necessary.
23		(4)	The sum authorized by section 16(1)(b) of this act is hereby
24			appropriated and shall be allotted to the President of the
25			Convention and the Pre-Convention Chairman during the Pre-
26			Convention who shall be responsible for ensuring that these
27			funds are used only for the purpose specified in section
28			16(1)(b) and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the
29			sum appropriated. Any part of this appropriation not obligated

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as of September 30, 2004, shall revert to the General Fund of
Chuuk State.
(5) The President of the Convention shall submit a report to the
Legislature not later than October 30, 2004, or within 30 days
of the adjournment sine die of the Convention, whichever is
earlier in time, which shall provide for a full disclosure of the
obligations incurred against the sum appropriated by section
16(1)(b) of this act."
Section 2. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon approval by the
Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval. Signed by: Joe N. Suka, Speaker House of Representatives Chuuk State Legislature
Herter Sorim, Chief Clerk House of Representatives Chuuk State Legislature Signed by: Detor Santos, President Senate Chuuk State Legislature Attested: Chuuk State Legislature
Songkihita Bossy, Chief Clerk Senate Chuuk State Legislature Approved by: Ansito Walter, Governor
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