

AN ACT

To establish a Chuuk State Political Commission to review possible political status suitable for Chuuk State financial survival and promising for developments for the entire state for the next twenty years and beyond, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHUUK STATE LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1 Short Title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Chuuk
2 State Political Status Commission Act of 2004.

3 Section 2. Purpose and Intent. The purpose and intent of this act is to address
4 Chuuk State future declining financial stability attributed mainly to Compact II under
5 which the State of Chuuk, the most populated among the FSM states, would suffer more
6 negative financial impacts as it did under Compact 1. Bearing the fact in mind that under
7 Compact II, the State of Chuuk, like her three other sister states, finds its financial
8 machinery runs directly or indirectly under the United States of America's direction and
9 supervision. With such position taken up by the United States, the State of Chuuk stands
10 to suffer more with its internal affairs left at the mercy of JEMCO. The focus of the
11 Chuuk State Political Status Commission is to identify and come up with the best
12 political status Chuuk State can attain so that she would match up with neighboring
13 nations, including the Republic of Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
14 Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and others that independently handle their
15 own internal financial matters. Furthermore, the Commission must prove to the State
16 Legislature the financial self-sufficiency of such political status. Moreover, the
17 Commission shall look into the Chuuk State Constitution in light of the original
18 agreement that put together the Federated States of Micronesia which was based on the
19 loose federation concept, and to further determine the infringement of the governments of

1 the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia upon the sovereignty of Chuuk
2 State. Available as an option is for Chuuk to become an autonomous entity.

3 Section 3. Establishment. It is hereby established a Chuuk State Political
4 Commission.

5 Section 4. Membership. The commission shall consist of nine members, two
6 from each of the 5 Senatorial regions, to be appointed by the Governor with the advice
7 and consent of the Senate.

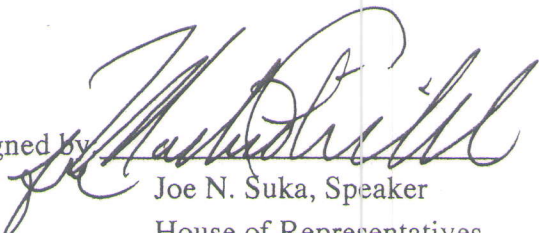
8 Section 5. Organization. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this act,
9 the commission shall convene at the call of a temporary Chairman, who shall be the
10 oldest among the members and who shall preside until permanent officers are elected and
11 qualified. The officers shall be as follows: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and
12 Treasurer.

13 Section 6. Legal Counsel. The Chairman of the commission shall find a legal
14 counsel who shall assist the commission in all legal matters.

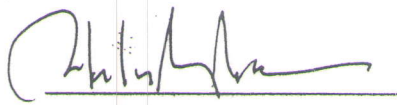
15 Section 7. Findings and Recommendations. All findings and recommendations
16 shall be provided in a written report to the Governor and the Chuuk State Legislature 180
17 days after the commission's organization.

18 Section 8 Interim Budget. An Interim Budget in the amount of \$60,000.00 dollars
19 is hereby established for the purpose of funding the financial needs of the Commission
20 during the interim period which shall enable the Chairman of the Commission to find a
21 small staff, including a Legal Counsel and a Secretary, Office Space and its expenses,
22 and to provide for expense allowances for the members of the Commission.

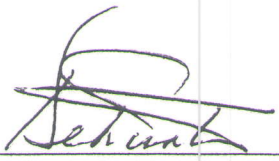
1 Section 9. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon approval by the
2 Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Signed by: 
Joe N. Suka, Speaker
House of Representatives
Chuuk State Legislature

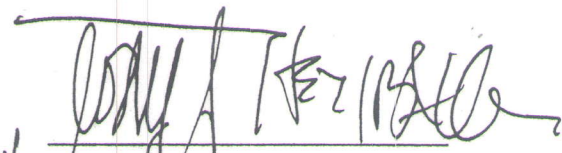
Attested:


Herter Sorim, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
Chuuk State Legislature

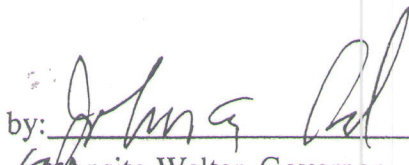
Date: August 31, 2004

Signed by: 
Detor Santos, President
Senate
Chuuk State Legislature

Attested:


Songkimta Bossy, Chief Clerk
Senate
Chuuk State Legislature

Date: Sept. 1, 2004

Approved by: 
Ansito Walter, Governor
Chuuk State Government

Date: Sept. 2, 2004

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: H.S.C.R.NO: None
: S.S.C.R.NO: None