

TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

ELEVENTH SESSION, 1965

PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-6

AN ACT GOVERNING THE ELECTION OF TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THAT:

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of this Act is to provide for the election of Truk District Legislators in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Truk District Legislature.

Section 2. The electors of Truk District shall chose the twenty-seven (27) members of the Truk District Legislature in elections held biennially in each odd-numbered year during the months of September, October, November or December. The Legislators shall be chosen by secret ballots of the qualified electors of their respective electoral precincts.

Section 3. The District Administrator shall have over-all supervision and administration of the election, with such powers and duties as are prescribed by law.

Section 4. Precinct Election Committee: (a) There shall be an Election Committee in each of the fifteen electoral precincts described in Article II, Section 1, of the Charter of the Truk District Legislature. The District Administrator shall determine the number of members of each election committee and shall appoint the members biennially, before each election. Members shall be qualified electors. No person shall participate in election campaigns while he is a member of an election committee.

(b) The powers and duties of the election committee shall be established by the District Administrator by regulation. These powers and duties may extend to, but are not limited to:

- (1) Issuing notices concerning the election;
- (2) Supervising and managing polling places;
- (3) Receiving and maintaining supplies necessary to conduct the election;
- (4) Receiving and transmitting all ballot boxes to the District Administrator.

Section 5. Election Board: (a) There shall be a Truk District Election Board. The District Administrator shall determine the number of members and appoint them biennially, before each election. Members shall be qualified electors. No person shall participate in election campaigns while he is members of the Truk District Election Board.

Section 13. In addition to other regulations authorized by this Act, the District Administrator shall establish such regulations as he deems are necessary for the conduct of the election in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Truk District Legislature and this Act.

Section 14. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5, in electoral precincts or other areas where the District Administrator deems it impracticable that ballot boxes be delivered to a central place for counting and tabulating, the District Administrator shall appoint a local committee to count, tabulate, certify and report votes to the Truk District Election Board in such manner as the District Administrator shall establish by regulation.

Section 15. Tied Election: If the Truk District Election Board certifies that two or more candidates have received an equal number of votes in an election, such tie shall be resolved by a special election held as soon as practicable. If the Truk District Election Board certifies that two or more candidates have received an equal number of votes in such special election, such tie shall be resolved by the District Administrator.

Section 16. Term of Office: The terms of all members of the Truk District Legislature shall commence on the day they received their oath of office by the Speaker of the Truk District Legislature in each even numbered year.

Section 17. Special Elections: Any special elections held pursuant to Article II, Section 4, of the Charter of the Truk District Legislature shall be governed in so far as practicable by the provisions of this Act. The District Administrator is empowered to establish such additional regulations as may be necessary for the conduct of such special elections.

Section 18. There is authorized to be appropriated biennially a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for expenditures necessary to conduct the election for Truk District Legislature in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Disbursement of any funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be made as directed by the District Administrator.

Section 19. Violations: Any person who violates any provision of this Act or any rules or regulations authorized hereunder, who votes or attempts to vote more than one time, or interferes with the orderly process of the election, or attempts to forcibly restrain any person from casting his vote or attempts to coerce, intimidate or otherwise unlawfully influence another in the casting of his vote, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both.

Section 20. This Act shall take effect upon approval by the
~~High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.~~

/s/ Hermes Katsra
Hermes Katsra, Speaker
Truk District Legislature

9/28/65
Date

Approved: /s/ J. B. Mackenzie
J. B. Mackenzie
District Administrator, Truk

10/4/65
Date

Approved: /s/ M. W. Goding
M. W. Goding, High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands

10/23/65
Date