

AN ACT

To further amend title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by adding a new chapter 8, for the purpose of establishing a Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Projects, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new chapter 8 to be headed as follows:

"Chapter 8. Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Projects."

Section 2. Title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 801 of chapter 8 to read as follows:

"Section 801. Commission created.

There is hereby created a Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Projects. The commission shall be composed of the following: a representative from each of the election districts within the State of Chuuk, or his designee, and the director of the Office of Planning and Statistics of the Chuuk State Government. A majority of the mayors of the district, after consulting with the member of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia representing the district, shall select a person from within the district to represent the district on the CSCIP."

Section 3. Title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 802 of chapter 8 to read as follows:

"Section 802. Commission - Organization; Quorum.

The commission shall meet to organize itself and to select a chairman and a vice chairman. The presence of a representative from each of the election districts shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. Meetings shall be conducted according to bylaws adopted by the members. The chairman will have the authority to vote at a meeting only in order to break a tie."

Section 4. Title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended by adding a new section 803 of chapter 8 to read as follows:

"Section 803. Commission - Authority.- The commission shall have the authority to:

- (1) obligate funds appropriated and allotted to the commission by the Congress for projects in Chuuk;
- (2) award and enter into contracts for projects, giving priority to bids by Micronesian citizens or corporations qualified and capable of performing fully and without delay such projects;
- (3) assess damage to private property caused by projects and negotiate written settlements on amounts of compensation, such written settlements to be treated as obligations for purposes of the Financial Management Act of 1979;

(4) establish priorities for the performance of projects, ensuring that each district is treated as equally as possible;

(5) submit all reports required by applicable law, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979."

Section 5. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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/s/ Jacob Nena  
Jacob Nena  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia