

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of \$86,348 from the General Fund of the State of Chuuk for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, for the purpose of funding the Northern Namoneas Special Election to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Chuuk State Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Purpose.** The Legislature finds that a vacancy currently exists in the House
2 of Representatives representing the Northern Namoneas region. To ensure that the people of
3 Northern Namoneas maintain their fundamental right to representation and a voice within the
4 Chuuk State Legislature, it is a matter of urgent public necessity that a Special Election be
5 conducted.

6 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of \$86,348, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the State for the purpose of
8 funding the Northern Namoneas Special Election.

9 **Section 3. Allocation and Use of Funds.** The funds appropriated under Section 2 shall
10 be apportioned according to the following budgetary breakdown:

11	1. Personnel	\$5,000.00	
12	2. Travel	\$55,597.96	<u>60,194.00</u>
13	3. All Others		
14	a. Contr. Services	\$14,750.00	
15	b. OCE	\$11,000.00	
16	c. Fixed Assets	-0-	
17	4. Total	\$86,348.00	<u>90,944.00</u>

18 **Section 4. Condition for Expenditure.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no
19 funds appropriated under this Act shall be obligated, encumbered, or disbursed, until such
20 time as the Chuuk State Supreme Court has issued a final ruling of whom will conduct all
21 matters pertaining to elections in the State of Chuuk. This condition shall be a requisite of
22 disbursement of this fund.

23 **Section 5. Administration.** The chairman of the board, or his authorized designee, shall
24 be the allottee of these funds. The allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds

1 are used solely for the purposes specified in this Act and shall provide a full financial report
2 to the Legislature within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the election.

3 **Section 6. Lapse.** Any funds appropriated by this Act that remain unexpended or
4 unobligated as of the date the Special Election results are certified shall lapse and revert to the
5 General Fund.

6 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor,
7 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 3/13/2026

Introduced by: /s/
Speaker Lester D. Mersai