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A HOUSE BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend sections 24 and 39 of CSL No. 3-95-26 as amended by CSL No. 11-12-18 by designating accessible precincts outside of Chuuk, increasing the nomination petition fee for the legislature and other state elective offices, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Chuuk State Legislature:

1           **Section 1. Amendment.** Section 24 of CSL No. 3-95-26 as amended is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

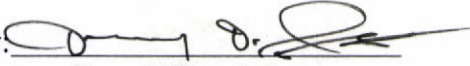
3                   **“Section 24. Designation of Precincts.** The Commission shall, not less than  
4 thirty (30) days prior to the date set for any election, or not less than 25 days prior to  
5 a run-off or special election day, designate, announce and publish precincts within and  
6 outside of Chuuk State where the votes are to be cast in such election. The Commission  
7 shall designate such precincts outside of Chuuk State where there resides 100 or more  
8 Chuukese registered voters; and where so far as reasonable and practicable such  
9 polling places are accessible to where Chuukese registered voters are living and  
10 residing.”

11           **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 39 of CSL No. 3-95-26 as amended is hereby further  
12 amended to read as follows:

13                   **“Section 39. Filing and distribution of petition.** Not less than 120 days before  
14 a general election, candidates or their sponsors shall file their declarations of  
15 candidacy with the Commission which shall disseminate to the public and may publish  
16 in a newspaper of general circulation the names of all candidates and the offices for  
17 which they have declared their candidacies upon filing for Governor and Lieutenant  
18 Governor a fee of \$500 each and for the Legislature and any other state elective office  
19 a fee of \$250 500 which shall be paid to the general fund of the State ~~for the sole~~  
20 ~~purpose of funding the conduct of State elections~~ The said petition fee collected shall  
21 be earmarked for the purpose of funding the expansion and increase in number of  
22 polling places outside of Chuuk State.”

23           **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon it being signed by the  
24 Governor, or upon its becoming law without his approval.

Date 01/06/2026

Introduced by:   
Rep. Jeffrey J. Irons