

A SENATE BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of \$267,120.00 or so much thereof for the purpose of acquiring private land where the Chuuk State Supreme Court is located, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Chuuk State Legislature:

1 Section 1. Purpose. It seems to be a never-ending land issue for the site of our only Chuuk State
2 Hospital and maybe some other land occupied any government departments, offices or agencies. For
3 us Chuukese, land is the most valuable that we inherited from our ancestors and considering the scarcity
4 of lands in Chuuk State. While Chuuk State Government has an inherit authority by law to obtain or
5 take lands for public purpose, this authority was rarely exercised due to unavailability of funds and
6 Chuukese customary value to hold dear on to their land, sometimes at whatever cost, due to the foreign
7 concept or nature of government acquiring private lands intended for public purpose. However, due to
8 the financial windfall of additional revenue as a result of the fifty (50%) percent share of the State from
9 fishing fees, Chuuk State can now afford to acquire private lands for public purpose. As a result of this,
10 the Leaders of Chuuk State during the Leadership Conference last November 2024 passed a resolution,
11 among others, to appropriate an amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
12 (\$2,500,000.00) annually to obtain private lands for public purpose.

13 Section 2. Appropriation. The sum of Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred
14 Twenty Dollars (\$276,120.00) or so much thereof is hereby authorized and appropriated for the purpose
15 of acquiring private real property which sits the Chuuk State Supreme Court which will be sourced
16 from the available local revenue fund.

17 Section 2. Restrictions and Limitations. The amount appropriated herein shall be solely
18 expended in accordance with CSL No. 10-10-18, as amended by CSL No. 10-10-37 and Executive
19 Orders regarding land valuation, the Financial Management Act of the State, and its implementing rules
20 and regulations and other relevant laws. These funds shall remain available until fully expended. The
21 Governor shall be the allottee of this fund and all payments under this Act shall be made by the Director
22 of DAS.

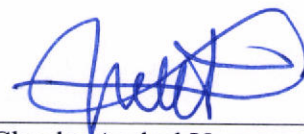
23 Section 3. Report. The Director of Administrative Services of Chuuk State Government and the
24 Attorney General's Office shall file and submit reports to the Governor and the Chuuk State Legislature
25 within 30 days after the full expenditure is made.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Dated:

Aug 15, 25

Introduced by:



Hon. Cheche Andrel Yamamoto
Floor Leader (by request)