
A SENATE BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend sections 11, 13 and 97 of CSL No. 3-95-26 as amended by CSL No. 11-12-18, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Chuuk State Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Amendment.** Section 11 of CSL No. 3-95-26 as amended by CSL No. 11-
2 12-18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **“Section 11. Affidavit of Registration; Prerequisite; Making and Contents.**

4 No person shall be registered as a voter except by affidavit of registration made before
5 the registration clerk in the municipality wherein such person resides, or before a
6 registration clerk in the office of the Commission, or through a Chuuk State voter
7 online registration system to be developed and established by the Commission. Before
8 such affidavit shall be made, the person shall be asked if he is currently registered to
9 vote in any other jurisdiction(s). If he answers affirmatively, he shall identify said
10 jurisdiction and complete and sign an attested statement on a form provided by the
11 commission which requests the cancellation of his registration and which shall be
12 forthwith forwarded by the Commission to that jurisdiction. If he answers negatively,
13 he shall nonetheless identify the jurisdiction in which he last voted. The commission
14 shall prepare forms for the collection of this data, and may require the submission of
15 such additional information as will enable it to comply with this Section. The affidavit
16 shall then be made in duplicate, and shall set forth all the facts required to be shown
17 by this Act and the election manual.

18 **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 13 of CSL No. 3-95-26 as amended by CSL No. 11-
19 12-18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 **“Section 13. Place of Registration.** The registration of electors shall be in
21 progress at the main office of the Commission during such hours as the office is open
22 for business at all times prior to the closing of the registration rolls. Electors may also
23 be registered at such times and places within and outside of the State as the
24 Commission shall deem advisable and convenient and may deputize in person or
25 remotely via videoconference volunteers on a temporary basis for such purposes who

1 are qualified as set out in this Act. New registering electors outside of the State may
2 also register through an online elector registration system that shall be developed and
3 maintained by the Commission. An elector registering through this mode shall be
4 required to submit all proper documents of identification. An elector registering to
5 vote through this mode shall comply with the provisions of CSL No. 3-95-26 and its
6 amendments.

7 **Section 3. Amendment.** Section 97 of CSL No. 3-95-26 as amended by CSL No. 11-
8 12-18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **“Section 97. Voting at another Polling Place.**

10 (1) Notwithstanding provision of this Act to the contrary, a legally registered voter
11 shall have the right to vote on election day at a polling place other than the polling
12 place at which he is legally registered to vote, even a place outside his registered
13 municipality, representative district, senatorial region, or congressional election
14 district, or outside Chuuk State, if he notifies the Election Commission in writing
15 on a prescribed form, at least fifteen days before the election day that he requests
16 to vote at a specific polling or voting place. Provided however, that such a
17 notification must be done only once, then recorded and kept by the Election Office
18 for subsequent elections until, such time, when the legally registered voter
19 relocates to a new place from his last location during the previous election; he must
20 then again notify the Election Commission. Provided that the list consists of the
21 previous year’s registered voters names.

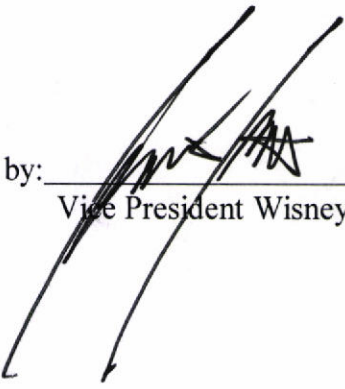
22 (2) Upon receipt of a voter’s request, the Election Commission shall assign the polling
23 place as requested and, not more than five days before election day until the eve
24 of the election day, shall disseminated this information to the public by every
25 available means of information, including the broadcast and radio, as to the place
26 where the voter may vote. Upon such notification, the voter shall be permitted to
27 vote only at that polling place and shall be provided with the appropriate ballot or
28 ballots as the case may be.

29 (3) The commission shall cause to have a list published and made available of those
30 legally registered voters who have requested to vote in other polling places seven
31 days before the election day.

1 (4) Voters who have requested to cast their ballots pursuant to this Section whose
2 names fail to appear in the list of voters in said polling booths shall be allowed to
3 vote upon presentation of valid FSM passport or FSM voters' identification card
4 provided; his or her name is found in the list provided and signed by both the
5 Election Commission and the respective candidates.

6 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor or
7 upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 15 AUGUST 25

Introduced by: 
Vice President Wisney Nakayama