FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1979

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 1-6, C. D. 1,

AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 6-87, as amended, relating to membership in the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Subsection 1 of Section 3 of Public Law No. 6-87, as
- 2 amended by Public Law Nos. 6-113 and 7-63, is hereby further amended to
- 3 read as follows:

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- "(1) Members of the Commission shall be Trust Territory citizens, and shall serve for a term of two years. The Commission shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) four members from the Congress of the Federated
 States of Micronesia, each representing a separate state, to
 be appointed by the Speaker of the Congress; PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
 that the membership of such members shall not cease upon
 termination of membership in the Congress; and PROVIDED
 FURTHER, that membership of those members representing the
 states of the Federated States of Micronesia appointed jointly
 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
 of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia shall continue
 until expiration of the terms to which they were appointed;
 - (b) one member from each of the four states to be appointed by resolution of their respective state legislatures; PROVIDED, that in the event a state legislature is not in session, appointment shall be made by a committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of the legislature when it is not in session, or in the absence of such a committee, by an

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1	appropriate committee designated by the presiding officer of
2	that legislature. A member appointed by a state legislature
3	may be a member of the legislature and shall be a resident of
4	the state from which appointed; and
5	(c) the Vice President of the Federated States of
6	Micronesia, ex officio."
7	Section 2. Section 4 of Public Law No. 6-87, as amended by Public
8	Law Nos. 6-113 and 7-63, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
9	"Section 4. Vacancy. A vacancy on the Commission shall be
10	filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members
11	appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired
12	term. As used in this section, the term 'vacancy' includes a
13	vacancy resulting from:
14	(1) death,
15	(2) resignation, or
16	(3) incapacity to serve by reason of illness, upon
17	finding of same by the Commission."
18	Section 3. Subsection 1 of renumbered Section 9 of Public Law
19	No. 6-87, as amended by Public Law Nos. 6-113, 7-63 and 7-80, is hereby
20	further amended to read as follows:
21	"(1) Members, other than the Chairman of the Commission,
22	shall be paid at the rate of \$40 per day while on the business
23	of the Commission or a committee thereof; PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
24	that members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micro-
25	nesia and members of state legislatures, as well as members of

the Commis	ssion who are also officials or employees of the
Governmen	t of the Federated States of Micronesia, state
government	ts or the Trust Territory government, shall not be
entitled t	to compensation from the Commission. The Commission
Chairman :	shall receive a salary in an amount established in
the Commis	ssion's annual budget and appropriation; PROVIDED,
HOWEVER, 1	that he is neither a member of the Congress of the
Federated	States of Micronesia or a state legislature, nor an
official o	or employee of the Government of the Federated States
of Micron	esia or a state government. All members of the
Commission	shall be entitled to receive travel expenses and
per diem a	at standard Trust Territory rates while on the
business	of the Commission or committee thereof, chargeable
to the fur	nds of the Commission."
Section 4. Sec	ction 13 of Public Law No. 6-87, as amended, is hereby
repealed in its enti	rety and a new Section 13 is added to read as follows
"Section 1	13. The Commission shall submit to the Congress and
the Presid	dent of the Federated States of Micronesia, on or
before Oct	tober 1, 1979, a comprehensive written report on its
activities	s to date. Thereafter it shall submit reports of
its activi	ties to the Congress and the President, on or before
May 10 of	each succeeding year and at such other times and
intervals	as it may deem necessary or as the Congress or the
President	of the Federated States of Micronesia may require."
Section 5. Thi	is act shall become law upon approval by the

President of the Federated States of Micronesia, or upon its becoming law without such approval. Tosiwo Nakayama President Pederated States of Micronesia . 12