

AN ACT

To provide for the registration of voters for a referendum on proposed amendments to the Koror State Constitution, to provide for a program of political education on the proposed amendments, to authorize and appropriate funds for the program of political education, and for related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings; Referendum date. A referendum (hereafter “the referendum”) shall be conducted June 23, 2005 in the State of Koror for the purpose of voting on proposed amendments to the Koror State Constitution by virtue of Resolution No. 7-37, LD1, adopted by the Seventh Koror State Legislature on March 9, 2005.

Section 2. Voting qualifications; Secret ballots.

A. Any person eligible to vote in the State of Koror who desires to vote on the proposed amendments in the referendum shall register to vote for the referendum by 4:30 p.m., on Friday, May 30, 2005. A person desiring to register to vote in the referendum shall register to vote with the National Election Commission. No person may register to vote in the referendum unless such person meets the eligibility requirements of the Koror State Constitution and Section 102 of Title 7 of the Koror State Code.

B. All votes cast in the referendum shall be cast by secret ballot.

Section 3. Political Education Committee.

A. There is hereby established a Political Education Committee to consist of nine (9) members as follows:

- (1) the House of Traditional Leaders of Koror State Government shall appoint two (2) of the members;
- (2) the Governor of Koror State shall appoint two (2) of the members;
- (3) the Seventh Koror State Legislature shall appoint five (5) of the members;
- (4) all the members of the Political Education Committee shall be appointed no

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(5) no employee, no member of the House of Traditional Leaders, and no elected or appointed office holder of Koror State Government may serve in the committee;

(6) no member of the Palau Election Commission may serve on the committee;
and

(7) any vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment that was vacated.

B. The committee shall commence its work on or before May 23, 2005. A quorum of the five (5) members may conduct the business and affairs of the committee. The duties of the committee shall terminate as of 11:59 p.m. on June 22, 2005. Members of the committee shall receive compensation of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per each day of attendance at meetings, hearings and educational functions for serving on the committee.

C. The committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and powers:

(1) the committee shall, as its primary purpose and function, inform the citizens and voters of Koror in an unbiased manner about the substance, nature, and effect of the proposed amendments to the Koror State Constitution that will be voted upon in the referendum; and to inform the public about Resolution No. 7-37, LD1, in an unbiased manner;

(2) the committee may utilize television, radio, newspaper advertisements, signs, flyers, public hearings, or any other medium or method of providing unbiased education on the proposed amendments;

(3) the committee may select from among its members a chairman and such other officers as deemed necessary for the committee to fulfill its functions, and may promulgate or adopt such rules and procedures as may deemed necessary by the committee;

(4) the committee may hire such staff as may be necessary to fulfill the duties of the committee, but in no event shall the committee exceed the limit of funds authorized and

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appropriated by this Act; and

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(5) the committee shall at a minimum print and disseminate copies of the proposed amendments to the Koror State Constitution that will be voted upon in the referendum, and the committee shall include in such copies the current versions of the Koror State Constitution sought to be amended in the referendum.

Section 4. Authorization and appropriation. There is hereby authorized and appropriated the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) which shall be used by the political education committee established by this Act to fund political education on the proposed amendments to the Koror State Constitution as described in this Act. The funds authorized and appropriated hereby shall come from the Koror State local revenues. The Koror State governor shall disburse the funds authorized and appropriated by this Act within three (3) business days after submission in writing by the political education committee of any request for payment; such request for payment shall include an invoice or other evidence of the debt or expenditure of the committee. All requests for payment shall be approved by a majority of committee members. The Koror State governor may not withhold or refuse to disburse any money requested to be disbursed by the committee that is within the limit of funding authorized and appropriated by this Act; if the Koror State governor feels that any request or expenditure of the committee is improper or otherwise not warranted, then the Koror State governor shall make the disbursement as requested, and may thereafter file suit on behalf of Koror State Government for the recovery of any funds improperly spent.

Any unexpended sum herein authorized and appropriated shall revert to the Koror State Treasury subject for re-appropriation.

Section 5. Severability. If any part of provision of this Act is determined to be unlawful or invalid, such invalidity may be stricken and shall not affect the other provisions of this Act..

Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the House of Traditional Leaders or upon its becoming law without such approval.

