NINTH KOROR STATE LEGISLATURE

2nd Day, 2nd Regular Session, July 30, 2010

KSPL No. <u>19-225 - 2010</u> (Intro. as L.B. No. <u>9-24, LD1</u>)

AN ACT

To amend KSPL No. K6-106-99 relating to succession to the Office of Governor, and for related purposes.

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

Section . Findings.

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The Ninth Koror State Legislature hereby finds that Article VII, Section 5 of the Koror State Constitution provides that, "Temporary absence or the unavailability to perform the duties of the office shall be filled in accordance with procedures established by law." KSPL No. K6-106-99 relating to succession to the Office of Governor was adopted as law of the State of Koror in 1999, and since that time, the people of the State of Koror voted to amend the Constitution of Koror as it relates to the powers and functions of the House of Traditional Leaders.

Section 2. <u>Amendment to Section 2 of Koror State Public Law No. K6-106-99 relating</u> to succession to the Office of Governor.

"Section 2. Succession to Office of the Governor in the event of disability, or temporary absence.

In the event that the Governor of the State of Koror is unavailable to perform the duties of office, or is absent from the Republic of Palau, then the duties of the office of Governor shall be filled in accordance with this Act.

If the Governor leaves the Republic of Palau for any period of time, then the Governor shall designate in writing the name of a person who shall fill the office of Governor during his absence, and shall also state the date of the return to office of the Governor. Such written designation shall be transmitted to the Legislature and to the House of Traditional Leaders.

If the Governor is unavailable to perform the duties of the office of



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Governor for a period of five (5) days or more, or if the Governor does not designate in writing the name of a person to fill the office while the Governor is off-island, then the Speaker of the Legislature shall exercise the duties and functions of the office of Governor during such time of unavailability or during such time when the Governor is absent from the Republic of Palau. If the Speaker of the Legislature is unable to assume the duties of the Governor, then the Vice Speaker of the Legislature shall exercise the duties and functions of the office of Governor".

Section 3. Severability.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any part or portion of this Act are invalid or otherwise unenforceable, then the offending part or portions may be stricken, and the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law by operation of the Koror State Constitution.

PASSED ON:

August 25, 2010

AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:

Legislator Eyos Rudimch, Speaker Ninth Koror State Legislature

Feliciano S. Watanabe, Clerk Ninth Koror State Legislature

APPROVED ON THIS

Yositaka Adachi

Governor

State of Koror