

AN ACT

To further amend title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by further amending section 301, as amended by Public Law No. 6-11, for the purpose of requiring that all members of the Micronesian Maritime Authority shall be nominated subject to the advice and consent of the Congress, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 301 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 6-11, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 301. Micronesian Maritime Authority Established.

(1) There is established a Micronesian Maritime Authority composed of five members appointed as follows:

(a) One representative of each State appointed by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, in consultation with the Governor and with the advice and consent of the Congress, as provided in article X, section 2(d) of the Constitution; PROVIDED, however, that no such representative shall also serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Fisheries Corporation of the Federated States of Micronesia, or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, during the term of his membership on the Authority; and

(b) One at-large member appointed by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, with the advice and consent of the Congress, as provided in article X, section 2(d) of the Constitution.

(2) All appointments shall be for a term of two years. The term of office of each original member shall commence effective the date of the first meeting of the Authority after the effective date of this act. Upon the expiration of the term of an appointed member, his rights and powers of membership shall lapse and the executive director shall declare the vacancy and notify the President of the Federated States of Micronesia in writing of such vacancy. Vacancies occurring before the expiration of a member's term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term of office of the vacancy.

(3) The chairman shall be chosen by the majority vote of the members of the Authority. The Authority shall meet at such times and places as may be designated by the chairman or by the Authority. The Authority shall adopt its own rules of procedure and regulations by majority vote."

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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President  
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