

AN ACT

To amend Sections 3, 5 and 6 of Public Law No. 7-137, relating to the Joint Coordinating Committee on Capital Relocation, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 3 of Public Law No. 7-137 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "Section 3. Selection of Members and Tenure.

4 (1) Members of the Coordinating Committee are:

5 (a) The representative of the President of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia;

7 (b) The Speaker of the Congress of the Federated
8 States of Micronesia, or his designee;

9 (c) The Administrators of the Departments of
10 Administrative Services, Community Services and Development
11 Services, or their designees;

12 (d) The Chairman of the Transition Committee of the
13 Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, or his
14 designee;

15 (e) A traditional leader from the State of Ponape
16 chosen by the traditional leaders of that State from among their
17 membership;

18 (f) A member of the Ponape State Legislature chosen
19 by the Speaker of the Legislature; and

20 (g) A member appointed by the Governor of the State
21 of Ponape.

22 (2) The principals may substitute designees from time to

1 time at their discretion, by written notification to the
2 Chairman.

3 (3) A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be chosen by
4 majority vote of the membership of the Coordinating Committee.

5 (4) The Committee shall remain in existence and all members
6 shall serve until the relocation of the capital to the State of
7 Ponape is completed."

8 Section 2. Section 5 of Public Law No. 7-137 is hereby amended to
9 read as follows:

10 "Section 5. Duties and Responsibilities. The Coordinating
11 Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

12 (a) To select a site for the capital;

13 (b) To press for the early disposition of adverse land
14 claims related to the site selected;

15 (c) To initiate or cause to be initiated planning and
16 architectural and engineering work for the construction of the
17 physical facilities for the capital;

18 (d) To seek funding for the planning and construction
19 of the facilities for the capital;

20 (e) To seek funding and initiate plans for the
21 relocation of personnel and property to the new capital;

22 (f) To work closely with the President of the Federated
23 States of Micronesia, the High Commissioner, the Congress of the
24 Federated States of Micronesia, the Chief Justice of the High Court,
25 and the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition to

1 facilitate as rapid a relocation of the capital as is possible
2 under the circumstances; and

3 (g) To perform such other duties and responsibilities
4 as may facilitate the relocation of the capital."

5 Section 3. Section 6 of Public Law No. 7-137 is hereby amended to
6 read as follows:

7 "Section 6. Administrative Support. The Coordinating Committee
8 shall be assisted in its work by:

9 (a) The staff of the Congress of the Federated States
10 of Micronesia;

11 (b) The staff of the Commission on Future Political
12 Status and Transition;

13 (c) The Officers and Employees of the Executive and
14 Judicial Branches of the Government of the Federated States of
15 Micronesia;

16 (d) The Officers and Employees of the Executive and
17 Judicial Branches of the Trust Territory Government; and

18 (e) Such other staff as may be necessary to carry out
19 its duties and responsibilities."

20 Section 4. Effective Date. This act shall become law upon approval

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1 by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, or upon its
2 becoming law without such approval.

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