

AN ACT

To amend section 213 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, to require the President, where Congress has overridden a presidential veto, to sign and date all Congressional Acts and assign a public law number thereto within two working days from receipt of the transmittal of the Congressional Act from Congress; to require the President, in the instance of a line-item veto, to assign a different number from the previous public law, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Policy and Purpose. The purpose of this bill is to
2 ensure the effective implementation of Congressional Acts by veto
3 override, by requiring the President of the Federated States of
4 Micronesia to sign and date all Congressional Acts and assign a
5 public law number thereto within two working days from the receipt
6 of the transmittal of the Congressional Act from the Congress of the
7 Federated States of Micronesia. Additionally to prevent confusion
8 and misunderstanding, the bill will require all Congressional Acts,
9 which have overridden a presidential line-item veto, to be assigned
10 a different number from the public law containing the line-item
11 veto. It is common understanding that once Congress has exercised
12 its veto override powers pursuant to article IX, Section 2(q) of the
13 Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia that the Bill
14 becomes law. The President has purely a ministerial task of issuing
15 the public law number for the Congressional Act. There is no
16 dispute as to the substance of the veto override. By amending title
17 1, section 213, Congress will ensure efficient and effective

1 implementation of Congressional Acts, which are enacted by a
2 Congressional veto override, as well as prevent misunderstanding.

3 Section 2. Section 213 of title 1 of the Federated States of
4 Micronesia, as amended, is hereby amended by to read as follows:

5 "Section 213. Numbering of laws.

6 (1) Public laws shall be assigned a number by the High
7 Commissioner as they become law, with or without his
8 signature, in the order which they become law. Numbers of
9 public laws enacted by the First Regular Session, 1965,
10 Congress of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the
11 figure "1-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Second
12 Regular Session, 1966, Congress of Micronesia, shall be
13 preceded by the figure "2-"; numbers of public laws
14 enacted by the Third Regular Session, 1967, Congress of
15 Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "3-"; numbers
16 of laws enacted by the Fourth Regular Session, 1968,
17 Congress of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the
18 figure "4-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Third
19 Congress of Micronesia shall be preceded by the
20 figure "3C-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Fourth
21 Congress of Micronesia shall be preceded by the
22 figure "4C-"F; numbers of public laws enacted by the Fifth
23 and succeeding Congresses shall be preceded by an Arabic
24 numeral representing the number of the Congress, followed
25 by a hyphen, such as "5-".

1 (2) Private laws enacted by the Congress of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia shall be numbered in the
3 same manner as public laws, as set forth in subsection (3)
4 of this section, except that such laws shall be known as
5 private laws and not as public laws.

6 (3) Bills enacted by the Congress of the Federated
7 States of Micronesia shall be assigned a number by the
8 President of the Federated States of Micronesia as they
9 become law, with or without his approval, in the order
10 in which they become law. Public laws enacted by the
11 First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
12 shall be preceded by the figure "1" followed by a
13 hyphen. Public laws enacted by subsequent Congresses
14 shall be preceded by an Arabic numeral representing the
15 number of the appropriate Congress, followed by a
16 hyphen, such as "2-".

17 (4) For a Congressional Act whereby the Congress of
18 the Federated States of Micronesia has overridden a
19 presidential veto, the President of the Federated States
20 of Micronesia, shall sign and date the Congressional Act
21 and assign a public law number thereto within two
22 working days from receipt of the transmittal of the
23 Congressional Act. In the instance of a veto override
24 of a Presidential line-item veto, the public law number
25 assigned shall not be the same number as assigned to the

1 previous public law that contained the line-item veto.”

2 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
3 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
4 becoming law without such approval.

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11 Override

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