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AN ACT to provide for a Constitutional Convention, prescribing its powers, duties and functions and for matters connected therewith

<i>Commencement:</i>	<i>October 19, 2015</i>
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<i>P.L. 2016-09</i>	<i>P.L. 2016-19 P.L. 2016-25 P.L. 2017-41</i>
<i>P.L. 2017-42</i>	<i>P.L. 2017-43 P.L. 2017-44 P.L. 2017-51</i>
<i>P.L. 2018-66</i>	

PART I - PRELIMINARY

§401. Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Constitutional Convention Act, 2015.

§402. Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) **“Committee”** means the Pre-Convention Committee established under this Act;
- (b) **“Convention”** means the Constitutional Convention established herein;
- (c) **“Speaker”** means the Speaker of the Nitijela;

- (d) **“President”** means the President of the Constitutional Convention.

§403. **Intent.**

- (1) Whereas the Nitijela is tasked with the responsibility at least once every ten years to report on the advisability of amending the Constitution or calling or holding a referendum on the question of calling or holding a Constitutional Convention, and that a Special Committee appointed by the Speaker of the Nitijela pursuant to Nitijela Resolution No.3 of 2013;
- (2) Whereas the Special Committee had compiled a report on the advisability of amending certain parts of the Constitution, and presented to the Nitijela, and on January 20, 2014 adopted the report;
- (3) Whereas all proposals, including those referenced under the Nitijela Special Committee 2013 Report are reproduced in the document attached herewith as Schedule 1; and
- (4) Now therefore, it is the duty of the Nitijela in accordance with Article XII Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Constitution to provide for the holding of a Constitutional Convention as follows.

PART II – CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

§404. **The Convention.**

There is hereby created in accordance with Article XII Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Constitution a convention to be known as the Marshall Islands Constitutional Convention and referred hereinafter as “the Constitutional Convention”.

§405. **Members .**

The Constitutional Convention shall consist of 45 members of who shall be elected as follows:

- (1) Thirty three (33) members to be elected from the electoral districts in the same manner as provided in Article IV Section 402 of the Constitution, as follows:
 - (a) Majuro shall be represented by five (5) members;

- (b) Kwajalein shall be represented by three members;
 - (c) Aillinglaplap shall be represented by two members;
 - (d) Arno shall be represented by two members;
 - (e) Jaluit shall be represented by two members;
 - (f) Mili shall be represented by one member;
 - (g) Ebon shall be represented by one member;
 - (h) Lib shall be represented by one member;
 - (i) Namdrik shall be represented by one member;
 - (j) Maloelap shall be represented by one member;
 - (k) Wotje shall be represented by one member;
 - (l) Likiep shall be represented by one member;
 - (m) Ailuk shall be represented by one member;
 - (n) Aur shall be represented by one member;
 - (o) Namu shall be represented by one member;
 - (p) Wotho shall be represented by one member;
 - (q) Enewetak and Ujelang shall be represented by one member;
 - (r) Kili Bikini Ejit shall be represented by one member;
 - (s) Rongelap shall be represented by one member;
 - (t) Mejit shall be represented by one member;
 - (u) Utrik shall be represented by one member;
 - (v) Lae shall be represented by one member;
 - (w) Ujae shall be represented by one member;
 - (x) Jabat shall be represented by one member.
- (2) Narikrik, Erikub, Jemo, Taka, Bikar, Bokak, Rongrik and Ailinginae shall each be included in the electoral district with which it is most closely associated, pursuant to custom and traditional practice;
- (3) In addition to subsection (1) above, twelve (12) other members who are of Iroij descent shall be represented by four (4) Iroijs and or Leroijs, elected in the following manner:
- (a) Railik Chain (excluding Enewetak and Ujelang) shall be represented by four (4) Iroijs and/or Leroijs, elected in the following manner: