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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Title 6, Chapter 12 of the Kosrae State Code by replacing Section 6.1203 with a new context to codify additional qualifications of Justices of the State Court, as prescribed by the Kosrae State Constitution, and to renumber subsequent sections accordingly; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to amend Title 6 of the Kosrae State Code
2 by replacing Section 6.1203 with a new context to identify codify additional qualifications of
3 Justices of the State Court, as prescribed by the Kosrae State Constitution.

4 Section 2. Amendment. Title 6, Chapter 12, Section 6.1203 of the Kosrae State Code is
5 hereby amended and subsequent sections renumbered to read as follows:

6 “Section 6.1203. Additional Qualifications of Justices of the State Court. In addition to
7 the prescribed qualifications provided by the Kosrae State Constitution:

8 (1) Any justice considered for appointment or nomination shall be a citizen of the
9 Federated States of Micronesia for not less than 10 years and a resident of the State of
10 Kosrae for less than 5 years at the time of appointment or nomination.

11 Section 6.12034. Compensation and benefits of justices. The annual salary of the
12 Chief Justice is twenty thousand nine hundred forty-eight dollars (\$20,948.00). The

1 annual salary of an Associate Justice is eighteen thousand nine hundred forty-five
2 dollars (\$18,945.00).

3 Section 6.12045. Justice pro tempore.

4 (1) The Court proposes to the Legislature a person with the qualifications of a
5 justice for the Legislature's approval by resolution of the Legislature to be
6 available to serve as a justice pro tempore for a period of one year.

7 (2) The Court may appoint only an approved person as a justice pro tempore
8 to exercise the powers of a justice in an action for which a justice is not
9 lawfully available.

10 (3) Appointment is pursuant to a method of regular rotation established by
11 rule.

12 (4) Unless a justice pro tempore dies, becomes disabled, resigns, or is absent
13 from the State on non-judicial matters for three months, or his term
14 expires, an appointment once made continues in effect until the entry of a
15 final judgment or order in the designated matter and the expiration of the
16 time for filing of a post-trial motion, or until final disposition of a post-
17 trial motion. If, upon remand after appeal the same person is eligible for
18 appointment as justice pro tempore, he continues as justice pro tempore in
19 that matter.

20 Section 6.12056.Extra-State action.

21 A judicial act by the Court or a justice outside the State has the same effect as if taken
22 within the State.


1 Section 6.12067. Representation funds.

2 Purpose of fund is to support and facilitate the efficient and effective discharge of duties
3 and responsibilities of Chief Justice and Associate Justices. Expenditures are at the
4 discretion of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices. Disbursement of compensation
5 will be based on signed written approval by the Chief Justice.”

6 Section 3. Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor or
7 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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10 Date: 2/12/24

Introduced by: 
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