

AN ACT

To require certain state and municipal governments to hold elections, and for other purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF PALAU REPRESENTED IN THE OLBIIL ERA KELULAU DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Short title. This Act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "State and Municipal Government Reformation Act of 1982."

3 Section 2. Expiration of tenureThe terms of office of all
4 state and municipal elected officials whose tenure has been extended
5 by state ordinance rather than re-election shall expire on December
6 31, 1982, unless earlier terminated by the installation of a state
7 constitutional government pursuant to a constitution duly ratified in
8 a referendum certified by the Minister of State pursuant to Public
9 Law No. 1-7, or by a state or municipal election conducted pursuant to
10 Section 3 of this Act.

11 Section 3. Elections. In the event that a state or municipi-
12 pality whose elected officials extended their terms of office by state
13 or municipal ordinance has failed to ratify a state constitution prior
14 to December 31, 1982, or in the opinion of the Minister of State is
15 unprepared to install a constitutional government by January 1, 1983,
16 such state or municipality shall on or before the First Tuesday in
17 December, 1982 conduct an election for the positions which shall be-
18 come vacant on January 1, 1983 pursuant to the provisions of Section
19 2 of this Act. Such election shall be conducted pursuant to all
20 applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Palau.

21 Section 4. Construction; prohibition.

22 (a) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as approving or

1 ratifying the extension of terms of elected officials by means of a
2 state or municipal ordinance.

1 (b) Any state or municipal law or ordinance enacted sub-
2 sequent to the effective date of this act which provides for the
3 extension of the term of office of any elected official of any state
4 government shall be void and of no effect.

5 Section 5. Conflicts of Law. Any provision of this Act in-
6 consistent with or contrary to any other provisions of law shall
7 prevail over such other provisions, and such other provisions shall
8 be deemed amended, superceded or repealed to the extent of the con-
9 flict.

10 Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Act or
11 the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid,
12 the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the
13 Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or appli-
14 cations to this and the provisions of this Act are severable.

15 Section 7. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon
16 its approval by the President of the Republic of Palau, or upon its
17 becoming law without such approval, except as otherwise provided by
18 law.
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PASSED: May 6, 1982

Approved this 27 day of May, 1982.

/s/ Haruo I. Remeliik
Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau