

AN ACT

To establish procedures for the return of bills or items vetoed, reduced or referred by the President after the Olbiil Era Kelulau has adjourned sine die, and for related purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Short title; purpose.

2 (a) This bill shall be known and may be cited as
3 the "Veto and Referral Act".

4 (b) The purpose of this Act is to clarify Presiden-
5 tial action on legislation presented to him after the Olbiil
6 Era Kelulau has adjourned sine die. Additionally, this Act
7 author-izes the clerk of each house of the Olbiil Era Kelulau to
8 receive certain messages from the President on behalf of his
9 respective house after adjournment of the Olbiil Era Kelulau
10 sine die.

11 Section 2. Approval of bills after adjournment. A

12 bill adopted by each house of the Olbiil Era Kelulau and pre-
13 sented to the President after adjournment of the Olbiil Era
14 Kelulau sine die or fewer than fifteen calendar days before such
15 adjournment shall become law when signed by the President in
16 the same manner as a bill presented to and approved by the
17 President while the Olbiil Era Kelulau is in session.

18 Section 3. Veto of bills after adjournment sine die.

19 If the President vetoes a bill or any part thereof or reduces
20 an item in a bill after adjournment sine die of the Olbiil Era
21 Kelulau, he shall immediately call both houses into session at
22 noon on the day following the day the bill was vetoed. A
23 failure by either house to reach a quorum on that day shall con-
24 stitute an authorization to its clerk to receive the returned
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1 vetoed bill on its behalf. Each house shall have 30 days from
2 the date of veto to reach a quorum and consider the returned
3 bill. If the President fails to call both houses into session
4 as prescribed by this Section, the bill shall become law and
5 and be presented to the High Commissioner.

6 Section 4. Referral of bills after adjournment. If
7 the President refers a bill to the Olbiil Era Kelulau with rec-
8 ommendations for amendment but the Olbiil Era Kelulau has
9 adjourned sine die, the President shall return the bill together
10 with his recommendations to the clerk of each house of the
11 Olbiil Era Kelulau within fifteen calendar days of presentation
12 of the bill to him. Such a bill may then be considered by the
13 Olbiil Era Kelulau when it next convenes or thereafter.

14 Section 5. Construction. Nothing in this Act shall
15 be deemed to affect the rights or obligations of the President
16 or of the Olbiil Era Kelulau as set forth in the Constitution.

17 Section 6. Effective date. This Act shall take
18 effect upon its approval by the President of the Republic of
19 Palau, or upon its becoming law without such approval, except
20 as otherwise provided by law.

DATE OVERRIDEN: February 25, 1983

Approved this _____ day of _____, 1983.

Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau