

AN ACT

To assist in the organization of state governments, 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
2 be cited as the State Government Organization Act.

3 Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to
4 assist in the organization of state government pursuant to
5 Section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of the Republic of
6 Palau.

7 Section 3. Establishment of state governments. A state
8 government shall be deemed organized and established when:

9 1) An ordinance is adopted by the government of the state
10 and becomes effective providing for the drafting of a state
11 constitution by the people of the state;

12 2) The people of the state approve the state constitution
13 in a referendum by a vote of at least a majority of the votes
14 cast;

15 3) A copy of the constitution approved in the referendum
16 is filed with the President of the Republic of Palau and both
17 Houses of the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

18 Section 4. Responsibilities of national government.

19 1) The Ministry of State shall provide assistance in the
20 development of state constitutions and shall be responsible for
21 the supervision and certification of referenda on state
22 constitutions.

23 2) The Supreme Court and the National Court shall be the
24 sole authority to determine whether a state constitution conforms
25 to the Constitution of the Republic of Palau.

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1 Section 5. Confirmation of earlier acts. An ordinance
2 adopted by the government of a state which became effective
3 providing for the drafting of a state constitution, or the
4 drafting of a state constitution pursuant to an adopted
5 ordinance, or a state constitution which took effect, prior to
6 the effective date of this act is hereby confirmed, provided a
7 constitution is approved in a state referendum by a majority of
8 the votes cast.

9 Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect
10 upon its approval by the President or upon its becoming law
11 without such approval, except as otherwise provided by law.

PASSED: July 23, 1981

/s/ _____
Carlos H. Salii, House Speaker

/s/ _____
Kaleb Udui, Senate President

Approved this 31 day of July, 1981.

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

NOT SUSPENDED

/s/ Daniel J. High
HIGH COMMISSIONER, TTPI

DATE: August 30, 1981