
A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Kosrae State Constitution, Article IV, Sections 2 and 3, to reduce the number of Senators and require Senators to be elected by all the voters of Kosrae in an election at large.

1 WHEREAS, the Kosrae State Constitution, Article XV, Section 1, establishes the
2 legal mechanisms for amending the Constitution; and

3 WHEREAS, one of the mechanisms to amend the Kosrae State Constitution
4 authorizes the Legislature to propose Constitutional amendments for approval by the voters
5 through the adoption of a resolution by three-fourths of the Senators; and

6 WHEREAS, following the adoption of a resolution by three-fourths votes of the
7 Senators to propose a Constitutional amendment, the Governor must call for an election
8 pursuant to State Law No. 7-133; and

9 WHEREAS, the current election process, as set forth in Article IV, Sections 2 and 3,
10 causes Senators to most actively represent the interests of their district constituents; and

11 WHEREAS, an election process that provides for Senators to be elected by all the
12 voters of the State would cause Senators to more actively represent the interests of the State
13 as well as their residential districts; and

14 WHEREAS, fourteen Senators is both excessive and costly for the State of Kosrae;
15 now, therefore

16 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kosrae State Legislature proposes to amend the Kosrae
17 State Constitution, Article IV, Sections 2 and 3, through adoption of this resolution by three-
18 fourths of the Senators, as follows:

19 “Section 2. The Legislature is composed of fourteen ~~ten~~ Senators who are
20 elected by the qualified voters of ~~electoral districts of Lelu, Malem, Tafunsak and Utwe~~ the
21 State.

22 ~~Section 3. Until reapportionment, Senators are apportioned as follows: Lelu~~

1 ~~Elects five Senators; Malem elects three Senators; Tafunsak elects four Senators; and Utwe~~
2 ~~elects two Senators.”~~

3 ~~Reapportionment of the Legislature shall be made on the basis of population~~
4 ~~every ten years. Senators are elected at large by all the voters of the State subject to the~~
5 ~~residency requirements established by law.” And~~

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted
7 to the Governor of the State of Kosrae and to Mr. Daniel Thompson, Chairman of the
8 Election Commission.

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