

A  
BILL  
FOR AN ACT

To amend the Constitutional Convention Act 2015, in order to include additional proposals for the amendment of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS:

Section 1.      **Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Constitutional Convention (Amendment) (3) (B) Act 2016.

Section 2.      **Amendments**

(1) Schedule 1 of the Constitutional Convention Act, 2015 is further amended by adding new Proposal 22 to be inserted after Proposal No. 21 to read as follows:

“ **Proposal No. 22 – Article IV, Section 6 (2):** To amend Article 4 (6) (2) which deal with the seat of any members of the Nitijela which becomes vacant for any reason other than the dissolution of Nitijela, to read as follows:

(2) If the seat of any member of the Nitijela becomes vacant for any reasons other than the dissolution of the Nitijela, the ~~vacant~~ remainder of the term shall be filled ~~at an~~ election in the electoral district which he represented, held at the time prescribed by law, and conducted in accordance with Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this Article by the candidate with the next highest amount of votes in the previous general election for that electoral ward, provided that the candidate is still qualified. If the candidate with the next highest amount of votes declined or disqualified, the candidate with the next highest amount of votes shall serve the term..

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Section 3.     **Effective Date**

This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with Article IV,

Section 21 of the Constitution.

**Date:** 3-18-14

**Introduced by:**

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Sen. Atbi Riklon



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The Bill proposes to amend the Constitutional Convention Act 2015, in order to amend Article 4 (6) (2) which deal with the seat of any members of the Nitijela which becomes vacant for any reason other than the dissolution of Nitijela, to reduce expenses for re-election, the candidate with the next highest amount of votes in the previous general election for that electoral district to fill the vacancy.