

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Title 33 of the Palau National Code with respect to the base salary of the President, Vice President, and Ministers, and for other related purposes.

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

1 **Section 1. Legislative Findings.** The Olbiil Era Kelulau finds it necessary to
2 update the salaries for the President, Vice President, and Ministers. The Olbiil Era Kelulau
3 is mindful that RPPL No. 7-13 was implemented and increased the salaries for justices and
4 judges as well as civil service employees of the National Government; a corresponding
5 salary adjustment for the President, Vice President, and Ministers is therefore warranted.

6 **Section 2. Amendment.** 33 PNC § 702 Subsections (c)(2)(A)-(C), is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 “(A) ~~As of January 1, 1997, t~~ The President shall receive an annual salary of
9 ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000, to be paid in equal biweekly installments while the President is in
10 office.

11 (B) ~~As of January 1, 1997, t~~ The Vice President shall receive an annual salary of
12 ~~\$45,000~~ \$70,000, to be paid in equal biweekly installments while the Vice President is in
13 office.

14 (C) ~~As of January 1, 1997, e~~ Each Minister shall receive an annual salary of
15 ~~\$30,000~~ \$45,000, to be paid in equal biweekly installments while the Minister is in office.”

16 **Section 3. Recommendations.** The President shall direct the Minister of Finance to
17 submit to the Olbiil Era Kelulau, no later than 45 days after the effective date of this Act,
18 recommendations for salary increases and cost of living adjustments for all government
19 employees to better reflect current economic conditions. The Minister of Finance shall
20 provide recommendations for new sources of funding for these salary increases and cost of
21 living adjustments.

1 **Section 4. Retroactive Application.** Section 2 of this Act shall be applied
2 retroactively to establish new salary levels for the President, Vice President, and Ministers
3 as of January 15, 2009.

4 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
5 President of the Republic of Palau, or upon it becoming law without such approval.

Date: 01-28-2009

Introduced by: _____/s/_____
Hokkons Baules, Senator