

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To require that the Republic of Palau observe the time zone of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings.** The Olbiil Era Kelulau finds that the Republic of Palau
2 must embrace new methods to conserve energy and assist in the reduction of energy bills
3 to homeowners, businesses and the government. In light of that goal, the Republic of
4 Palau should adopt the time zone of its closet neighbors, Guam and the Commonwealth of
5 the Northern Mariana Islands, both of which are in the time zone 10 hours ahead of
6 General Mean Time, which is one hour ahead of Palau.

7 The Olbiil Era Kelulau further finds that Palau is situated near the eastern edge of
8 its time zone, which causes the sun to set before 7 p.m. all year round. By turning the
9 clocks ahead one hour, Palau will effectively gain an extra hour of sunlight, thus reducing
10 our consumption of artificial light (lights that ordinarily are turned on at 6:30 p.m. not
11 need to be turned on until 7:30 p.m.), and resulting in energy savings. Further, advancing
12 the clocks in the Republic of Palau will permit Palau residents to enjoy one hour more of
13 sunlight after-work hours.

14 **Section 2. Energy Reduction Through Daylight Savings Act.** Thirty days after
15 the effective of this Act, at midnight, all clocks in the Republic of Palau shall be moved
16 ahead one hour. Thereafter, the Republic of Palau shall officially observe the time zone of
17 Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

18 **Section 3. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
19 President of the Republic, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 01-28-2009

Introduced by: /s/
Surangel Whipps, Jr., Senator