NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

24th CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2003

BILL NO:<u>135</u> P.L. 2003_103

2 3		An Act	
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5 6 7	To amend sections 102, 104 and 105 of the Judiciary Fund Act 1989, 27 MIRC Chp.1(the Act), is order re-instate the authority of the Judiciary to maintain the Judiciary Fund as a fund other than the General Fund, and for related matters.		
8 9	BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS:		
10	Section 1.	Short Title.	
11	This	Act may be cited as the Judiciary Fund (Amendment) Act 2003.	
12	Section 2.	Purpose of this Act.	
13	The p	surpose of this Act is to preserve the independence of the Judiciary consistent with	
14	Article VI, Section 1(1) of the Constitution.		
15	Section 3.	Amendments.	
16	(1)	Section 102 of the Judiciary Fund Act 1989, 27 MIRC Chp. 1 ("Judiciary Fund	
17	Act") is amended to read as follows:		
18		"Section 102. The Judiciary Fund.	
19		The Judiciary Fund (the Fund) is hereby established. The	
20		Fund is a fund other than the General Fund for purposes of Article	
21		VIII section 3 (2) of the Constitution of the Republic.	
22	(2)	Section 104 of the Judiciary Fund Act is hereby amended by inserting additional	
23	langu	age immediately following subsection (3) to read as follows:	

1		"(4) A delegation under Article VIII, Section 5(1) of the
2		Constitution of the Republic to expend money out of the Fund is
3		given to the Chief Justice of the High Court and the Clerk of Courts
4		acting together."
5	(3)	Subsection 105 of the Judiciary Fund Act is amended to read as follows:
6		"105. Accounts and records.
7		(1) The Secretary of Finance, with the assistance of the Chief Justice of the
8		High Court, shall cause to be maintained books of accounts and records in
9		accordance with generally accounting principles for government funds, as adopted
10		and occasionally amended by the Government Accounting Standards Board, of:
11		(a) the Fund:
12		(b) any money paid into or out from the
13		Fund; and
14		(c) the property purchased with
15		money from the Fund.
16		(2) The accounts and records referred to in Subsection (1) of this Section,
17		are subject to audit under Article VIII, Section 15 of the Constitution of the
18		Republic of the Marshall Islands.
19		(3) The Chief Justice of the High Court and the Clerk of the Courts
20		acting together shall open and maintain as few bank accounts as is necessary for

1		the efficient operation of the Fund, which bank accounts shall likewise be subject	
2		to audit under Article VIII, Section 15 of the Constitution of the Republic of the	
3		Marshall Islands."	
4	Section 4.	Effective Date.	
5	The A	Act shall become effective upon certification in accordance with Article IV, Section	
6	21 of the Cor	nstitution.	
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8	CERTIFICATE		
9	I here	eby certify:	
10	(1)	that Nitijela Bill No. 135 was passed by the Nitijela of the Marshall Islands on the	
11 12	4th day of	September, 2003; and	
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14	(2)	that I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No. 135 was passed in accordance with the	
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16 17	retevant prov	visions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of	
18	Procedures o	of the Nitijela .	
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20	I hereby place	e my signature before the Clerk of the Nitijela this 3rd day of December, 2003.	
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