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AN ACT to declare the customary law with respect to the four Irojilaplap domains in the Ralik Chain, excluding Ujelang, and for related purposes.

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*February 28, 1991*

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*P.L. 1991-110*

*P.L. 2023-68*

**§401. Short title.**

This Chapter may be cited as the “Customary Law (Ralik Chain) Act 1991”.  
[P.L. 1991-110, §1.]

**§402. Declaration of customary law.**

Sections 403, 404 and 405 of this Chapter are declarations of the customary law made pursuant to Article X Section 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. [P.L. 1991-110, §2.]

**§403. Irojilaplap domains in the Ralik Chain.**

In the Ralik Chain, excluding Ujelang there are and shall be four (4) separate Irojilaplap domains and titles held and exercised by the successors of:

- (a) Irojilaplap Jeimata;
- (b) Irojilaplap Laelan;
- (c) Irojilaplap Litokwa; and
- (d) Irojilaplap Loek. [P.L. 1991-110, §3.] [Subsections (c) and (d) amended by P.L. 2023-68]

**§404. Representation on the Council of Iroij.**

The four (4) Irojlaplap from the Ralik Chain excluding Ujelang represented on the Council of Iroij pursuant to Article III, Section 1(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands shall include one representative from each of the domains and titles set forth in Section 403 of this Chapter. [P.L. 1991-110, §4.]

**§405. Representation in national conventions.**

In any national convention, including any Constitutional Convention held pursuant to Article XII, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, in which Iroij membership is provided for, each of the domains and titles set forth in Section 403 of this Chapter shall be entitled to a representative, selected or elected as the case may be in accordance with the law, and shall not be entitled to more than one representative. [P.L. 1991-110, §5.]

**§406. Severability.**

In accordance with Section 408 of the General Interpretation Act (1 MIRC Chapter 4), in the event that any of the provisions of this Chapter are found to be invalid, or if the application of any provision of this Chapter to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. [P.L. 1991-110, §6.]