

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to article IX, section 8 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that all members of Congress shall serve four-year terms, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. It is hereby proposed that section 8 of article IX
2 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended
3 to read as follows:

4 "Section 8. The Congress consists of one member elected
5 at large from each state on the basis of state equality,
6 and additional members elected from congressional
7 districts in each state apportioned by population.
8 ~~[Members]~~ Beginning with the 2003 Congressional
9 elections, each member elected ~~[on the basis of state~~
10 ~~equality]~~ serves for a 4-year term~~[, and all other~~
11 ~~members for 2 years]~~. Each member has one vote, except
12 on the final reading of bills. Congressional elections
13 are held ~~[biennially]~~ every four years, as provided by
14 statute."

15 Section 2. The constitutional amendment proposed in section 1
16 of this act shall be submitted to the people for approval as part of
17 the referendum scheduled to take place on August 27, 2002.

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1 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming
3 law without such approval.

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5 Date: 5/16/02

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