
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 4 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 107 thereof to modify the qualifications required of a Justice of the Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 107 of title 4 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 107. Qualifications of Supreme Court
5 Justices.

6 A person nominated to the position of Chief Justice
7 or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall:

8 (1) be at least thirty years of age at the time of
9 nomination; and

10 (2) (a) if such person is a citizen of the Federated
11 States of Micronesia, be a graduate from an accredited
12 law school, ~~[and be admitted to practice law in any~~
13 ~~jurisdiction, or be a person of equivalent and~~
14 ~~extraordinary legal ability obtained through at least~~
15 ~~five years of experience practicing law]~~ be a member of
16 the bar of the Federated States of Micronesia or another
17 jurisdiction and have had no less than two years
18 experience practicing law; or

19 (2) (b) if such person is not a citizen of the Federated

1 States of Micronesia, but is authorized to practice law
 2 in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or
 3 the United Kingdom, be a graduate of an accredited law
 4 school, be a member of the bar of the Federated States
 5 of Micronesia or a bar in one of the other jurisdictions
 6 listed in this paragraph, and have no less than four
 7 years experience practicing law; or

8 (2) (c) if such person is neither a citizen of the
 9 Federated States of Micronesia nor authorized to
 10 practice law in one of the jurisdictions listed in
 11 paragraph 2 (b), be a graduate of an accredited law
 12 school, be a member of the bar of the Federated States
 13 of Micronesia and have no less than six years experience
 14 practicing law; and

15 (3) not have been disciplined for violating any code
 16 of responsibility or code of ethics applicable to
 17 lawyers in any jurisdiction."

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

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 22 Date: 9/20/05 Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir
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