

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose amendments to article IX, section 8 and 10, and article X, section 4 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of providing that all members of Congress shall be elected for four-year terms, that the President is to be elected from among the at-large members of Congress and for other purposes.

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

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

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

15 Section 2. It is hereby proposed that section 10 of article
16 IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "Section 10. At least every 10 years Congress
19 shall

1 reapportion itself. A state is entitled to at
2 least one member of Congress on the basis of
3 population in addition to the member elected at
4 large. A state shall apportion itself by law into
5 single member congressional districts. Each
6 district shall be approximately equal in population
7 after giving due regard to language, cultural, and
8 geographic differences. In any state in which
9 there is only one election district, the election
10 of one of the state's members of Congress shall be
11 designated, as provided by statute, as the election
12 of the state's at-large member."

13 Section 3. It is hereby proposed that section 4 of article X
14 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "Section 4. A person is ineligible to become
17 President unless he is [a] an at-large member of
18 Congress [~~for a 4-year term~~], a citizen of the
19 Federated States of Micronesia by birth, and a
20 resident of the Federated States of Micronesia for
21 at least 15 years."

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1 Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3 becoming law without such approval.

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5 Date: 5/11/05

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