
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, in order to allow for citizenship through naturalization to FSM nationals and children of FSM citizens, and, with the recommendation of Congress through bill, citizenship through naturalization for spouses of FSM citizens, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 204. Naturalization.

5 (a) [~~The President, on Congress's recommendation by~~
6 ~~bill, may naturalize a~~] A person may be naturalized as a
7 citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia in a
8 manner or form prescribed by laws or regulation if the
9 person:

10 (1) shall have lawfully resided within the Federated
11 States of Micronesia, whether prior or subsequent to the
12 effective date of the Constitution, for at least five
13 years immediately preceding the date of filing his
14 petition for naturalization;

15 (2) is a child [~~or spouse~~] of a citizen, or is a
16 national, or of the Federated States of Micronesia;

17 (3) upon naturalization, shall have renounced previous
18 citizenship and allegiance to any and all foreign powers

1 and rulers, and taken an oath of allegiance in a manner
2 and form prescribed by law or regulation; [~~and~~]

3 (4) has competence in at least one of the indigenous
4 languages of the Federated States of Micronesia
5 evidenced by passing a language examination prepared and
6 administered by the President or his designee[-]; and
7 (5) has not been convicted of a felony as defined by
8 the laws of the place where conviction took place.

9 (b) The President, on Congress' recommendation by
10 bill, may naturalize a person as a citizen of the
11 Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form
12 prescribed by laws or regulation if the person:

13 (1) is in compliance with the criteria set out in
14 subsections 204 (a) (1), (3), (4) and (5), above; and

15 (2) is a spouse of a citizen of the Federated States
16 of Micronesia.

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

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21 Date: 11/1/07

Introduced by: /s/ Peter Sitan
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