

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of increasing the representation of women in Congress by increasing the number of at-large seats in Congress, and reserving said seats for women, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Amendment to Article IX Section 8. It is hereby  
2 proposed that section 8 of article IX of the Constitution of the  
3 Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:  
4 "The Congress consists of [~~one member~~] two members, of which at  
5 least one shall be a woman, elected at large from each state on  
6 the basis of state equality, and additional members elected from  
7 congressional districts in each state apportioned by population.  
8 Members elected on the basis of state equality serve for a 4-year  
9 term, and all other members for 2 years. Each member has one  
10 vote, except on the final reading of bills. Congressional  
11 elections are held biennially as provided by statute. The  
12 election for one of the two at-large seats shall be open only to  
13 women candidates."

14           Section 2. Amendment to Article IX Section 10. It is hereby  
15 further proposed that section 10 of article IX of the Constitution  
16 of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as  
17 follows:  
18 "At least every 10 years Congress shall reapportion itself. A

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1 state is entitles to at least one member of Congress on the basis  
2 of population in addition to the [~~member~~] two members elected at  
3 large. A state shall reapportion itself by law into single member  
4 congressional districts. Each district shall be approximately  
5 equal in population after giving due regard in language, cultural,  
6 and geographic differences".

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

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11 Date: 5/12/09

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