
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose amendments to Article X, sections 4, 5, and 6 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of changing the eligibility requirements of the President and Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia, 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 4 of Article X
2 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Section 4. "A person is ineligible to become President
5 unless: he is [~~a member of the Congress for a 4 year~~
6 ~~term,~~] a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia by
7 birth, he is at least 35 years of age on the day of his
8 election, [and] he has been a resident of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia for at least 15 years[~~,-~~], and he has
10 never been convicted of a felony."

11 Section 2. It is hereby proposed that section 5 of Article X
12 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 5. "~~[After the election of the President,]~~ T[~~t~~]he
15 Vice President ~~[is elected in the same manner as the~~
16 ~~President,~~] has the same qualifications as the President
17 and serves for the same term of office. ~~[He]~~ The Vice
18 President shall [may] not be a resident of the same state
19 as the President. ~~[After the election of the President~~

1 ~~and the Vice President, vacancies in Congress shall be~~
2 ~~declared.]”~~

3 Section 3. It is hereby proposed that section 6 of Article X
4 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 6. “If the office of the President [~~is~~] becomes
7 vacant, or the President is unable to perform his duties,
8 ~~[the Vice President becomes President]~~ before the
9 President has served two years in office, the Vice-
10 President shall temporarily assume the duties of the
11 President, and there shall be a special election to elect
12 a new President. If the office of the President becomes
13 vacant, or the President is unable to perform his duties,
14 after the President has served two years in office, the
15 Vice-President shall become President for the remainder of
16 the President’s term. If the Office of the Vice-President
17 becomes vacant, the President shall nominate a candidate
18 who shall become Vice-President upon confirmation of two-
19 thirds of the members of Congress. The Congress shall
20 provide by statute for the succession in the event both
21 offices are vacant, or either or both officers are unable
22 to discharge their duties.”

23 Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the
24 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
25 becoming law without such approval.

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1 Date: 9/20/10

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