

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose amendments to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of guaranteeing the representation of women in Congress by creating additional at-large seats in Congress reserved for women, 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 8 of article
2 IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 8. The Congress consists of one member elected at
5 large from each state on the basis of state equality, ~~and~~
6 additional members elected from congressional districts in
7 each state apportioned by population, and such other
8 members as may be prescribed by this Constitution. Members
9 elected on the basis of state equality serve for a 4-year
10 term, and all other members for 2 years. Each member has
11 one vote except on the final reading of bills. Congress-
12 ional elections are held biennially as provided by statute.

13 Section 2. It is hereby further proposed that article IX of
14 the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be
15 amended by inserting a new section 22 to read as follows:

16 "Section 22. Each state shall elect one additional at-large
17 member for a two-year term in each of the next three
18 biennial elections to the Congress after this section

1 becomes parts of the Constitution. The election for these
2 seats shall be open only to woman candidates eligible to be
3 members of Congress pursuant to section 9 of this article.
4 Any vacancy that arises for one of these seats during the
5 six years that this section is in effect shall be filled as
6 provided in section 12 by an eligible woman candidate or
7 woman appointee."

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

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