
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 15-28, in order to allow for citizenship through naturalization to FSM nationals, spouses and children of FSM citizens with the recommendation of Congress through bill, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Propose: To undo changes to the naturalization
2 process made by Public Law No. 15-28.

3 Section 2. Section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the
4 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No.
5 15-28, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

6 "Section 204. Naturalization.

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

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

17 (b) is a child, or spouse of a citizen[7] or is a
18 national, of the Federated States of Micronesia;

1 (c) upon naturalization, shall have renounced
2 previous citizenship and allegiance to any and all
3 foreign powers and rulers, and submitted positive and
4 verifiable documentary evidence of said renunciations,
5 and taken an oath of allegiance in a manner and form
6 prescribed by law or regulation; and

7 (d) has competence in at least one of the
8 indigenous languages of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia evidenced by passing a language examination
10 prepared and administered by the President or his
11 designee.]; and

12 ~~(5) has not been convicted of a felony as defined by~~
13 ~~the laws of the place where conviction took place.~~

14 ~~(b) The President, on Congress' recommendation by~~
15 ~~bill, may naturalize a person as a citizen of the~~
16 ~~Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form~~
17 ~~prescribed by laws or regulation if the person:~~

18 ~~(1) is in compliance with the criteria set out in~~
19 ~~subsections 204 (1) (a), (c), (d) and (e), above; and~~

20 ~~(2) is a spouse of a citizen of the Federated States of~~
21 ~~Micronesia.]~~

1 Section 3. 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: 11/29/13

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