

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 repeal citizenship through naturalization for spouses of FSM citizens, and for other purposes.

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

2 Section 1. Section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No.
4 15-28, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

5 "Section 204. Naturalization.

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

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

16 (b) is a child or spouse of a citizen, or is a
17 national, of the Federated States of Micronesia;

18 (c) upon naturalization, shall have renounced
19 previous citizenship and allegiance to any and all

1 foreign powers and rulers, and submitted positive and
2 verifiable documentary evidence of said renunciations,
3 and taken an oath of allegiance in a manner and form
4 prescribed by law or regulation;

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

10 [~~(e) has not been convicted of a felony as defined~~
11 ~~by the laws of the place where conviction took place,~~
12 ~~and]~~

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

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

19 ~~(b) is a spouse of a citizen of the Federated~~
20 ~~States of Micronesia.]~~

21 (f) has their naturalization endorsed by
22 resolution of the legislature of the state in which they
23 reside.

1 Section 2. 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: 11/25/13

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