

SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1982

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 2-267

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AN ACT

To amend section 2 of Public Law No. 2-51, to have the election commissioner transmit an initiative petition for amending the Constitution to the President, and for other purposes.

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

1       Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 2-51 is hereby amended  
2 to read as follows:

3               "Section 2. Methods of proposing constitutional amendments.

4               (1) There shall be three methods of proposing amend-  
5 ments to the Constitution of the Federated States of  
6 Micronesia:

7               (a) Constitutional convention. Upon application  
8 of the legislatures of three-fourths of the States, the  
9 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall enact  
10 a law authorizing a constitutional convention for the  
11 purpose of proposing a specific amendment or amendments to  
12 the Constitution. At least every 10 years, the Congress  
13 shall submit to the voters the question: "Shall there be  
14 a convention to revise or amend the Constitution?" A  
15 referendum on the question shall be held no later than  
16 May 10, 1989; or

17               (b) Initiative petition. A constitutional amend-  
18 ment may be proposed by a popular initiative petition signed  
19 by no less than 10 percent of the registered voters in not  
20 less than three-fourths of the States. An initiative  
21 petition with the requisite number of signatures shall be  
22 transmitted by the election commissioner of each respective

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1 State as established in section 3(4) of this act, without  
2 delay to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia;  
3 or


4 (c) Congressional act. A constitutional amendment  
5 may also be proposed by an act of Congress pursuant to the  
6 provisions of sections 20 through 22, article IX, of the  
7 Constitution.

8 (2) No proposed constitutional amendment will be placed  
9 on the ballot in a general election for Members of the Congress  
10 of the Federated States of Micronesia unless it shall have been  
11 received by the President no later than 45 consecutive days prior  
12 to the date of said general election; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that  
13 nothing in this subsection shall prevent a proposed constitutional  
14 amendment from being placed on the ballot during a special election  
15 called by the President for that purpose."

16 Section 2. Effective date. This act shall become law upon  
17 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon  
18 its becoming law without such approval.

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January 4, 1982

  
Tosiwo Nakayama  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia