

SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1990 CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 6-282, C.D.1, C.D.2,
C.D.3, C.D.4

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AN ACT

To propose an amendment to sections 8 and 11 of article IX and section 4 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that all Members of Congress shall be elected for a 4-year term and that only at large Members shall be eligible to be President and Vice-President, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that
2 section 8 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 8. The Congress consists of one member elected
5 at large from each state on the basis of state equality,
6 and additional members elected from congressional districts
7 in each state apportioned by population. Members serve
8 for a 4-year term. Each member has one vote, except on the
9 final reading of bills. Congressional elections are held
10 every four years. Upon approval by the people of the
11 Federated States of Micronesia of the amendment to make all
12 members of Congress serve for a four year term, members
13 elected to serve for a two year term will serve for a four
14 year term effective immediately."

15 Section 2. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that
16 section 11 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

18 "Section 11. A state may provide that one of its seats is
19 set aside for a traditional leader who shall be chosen as
20 provided by statute, in lieu of one representative elected
21 on the basis of population. The number of congressional
22 districts shall be reduced and reapportioned accordingly."



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1 Section 3. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that
2 section 4 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President
5 unless he is a member of Congress elected at large on the
6 basis of state equality, a citizen of the Federated States
7 of Micronesia by birth, and a resident of the Federated
8 States of Micronesia for at least 15 years."

9 Section 4. Procedure. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed
10 constitutional amendment set out in sections 1, 2 and 3 will become
11 part of the Constitution after completion of procedures and ratifica-
12 tion as required by chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia; provided, however, that notwithstanding any
14 inconsistent provisions of section 703(1) of title 1 of the Code of
15 the Federated States of Micronesia, the voting for ratification of
16 the proposed constitutional amendment set out in section 1 shall be
17 held during the special election for the at-large Member of the
18 Seventh Congress who will take the place of the Member of Congress
19 elected as President.

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1 Section 5. Effective date. This act shall become law upon
2 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or
3 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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