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SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1990

C. B. No. 6-285

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to sections 8 and 10 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that two Members of Congress shall be elected at large from each State, 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~~ two members  
5 elected at large from each state on the basis of state  
6 equality, and additional members elected from congressional  
7 districts in each state apportioned by population. Members  
8 elected on the basis of state equality serve for a 4-year  
9 term, and all other members for 2 years. Each member has  
10 one vote, except on the final reading of bills.  
11 Congressional elections are held biennially as provided by  
12 statute."

13 Section 2. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that  
14 section 10 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated  
15 States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

16 "Section 10. At least every 10 years Congress shall  
17 reapportion itself. A state is entitled to at least one  
18 member of Congress on the basis of population in addition  
19 to the members elected at large. A state shall apportion  
20 itself by law into single member congressional districts.  
21 Each district shall be approximately equal in population  
22 after giving due regard to language, cultural, and  
23 geographic differences."

24 Section 3. Procedure. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed  
25 constitutional amendment set out in sections 1 and 2 will become part

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1 of the Constitution after completion of procedures and ratification  
2 as required by chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated  
3 States of Micronesia.

4 Section 4. Effective date. This act shall become law upon  
5 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or  
6 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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8 Date: 10-10-90

Introduced by:   
Nishima Yleizah

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