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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia by amending section 204 to provide for a biannual national referendum to determine naturalization of persons as citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 204. Naturalization. The President/ ~~or Congress~~
4 ~~recommendation by bill/ they~~ shall naturalize a person as a citizen of
5 the Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form prescribed
6 by law or regulation if the person:

7 (1) shall have lawfully resided within the Federated States
8 of Micronesia, whether prior or subsequent to the effective date of
9 the Constitution, for at least five years immediately preceding the
10 date of filing his petition for naturalization;

11 (2) is a child or spouse of a citizen or is a national of the
12 Federated States of Micronesia;

13 (3) upon naturalization, shall have renounced previous
14 citizenship and allegiance to any and all foreign powers and rulers,
15 and taken an oath of allegiance in a manner and form prescribed by
16 law or regulation; ~~and~~


17 (4) has competence in at least one of the indigenous
18 languages of the Federated States of Micronesia evidenced by
19 passing a language examination prepared and administered by the
20 President or his designee; and

21 (5) shall have received a majority of affirmative votes
22 from the total number of votes cast for or against that person in a
23 national referendum, which referendum shall be held at least
24 biannually in conjunction with each national election and pursuant to
25 regulations promulgated for each such referendum by the National

1 Election Director or his designee consistent with title 9 of the Code
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia."

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

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7 Date: 5/22/95

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