A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to article IX, section 8 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of increasing the number of members elected at large on the basis of state equality from one to two, and for other purposes.

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

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

"Section 8. The Congress consists of two members elected at large from each state on the basis of state equality, and additional members elected from congressional districts in each state apportioned by population. Members elected on the basis of state equality serve for a 4-year term, and all other members for 2 years. Each member has one vote, except on the final reading of bills. Congressional elections are held biennially as provided by statute."

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

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Introduced by

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