TENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1998
C.B. NO. 10-314

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 9-073, by amending section 204, for the purpose of expanding the category of persons who may become naturalized citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia by allowing a widow or widower of a citizen to become a naturalized citizen, and by allowing a person who was born in a place that became a district that ratified the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to become a naturalized citizen, provided that other criteria are met, and for other purposes.

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

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

"Section 204. Naturalization.
The President, on Congress's recommendation by bill, may naturalize a person as a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form prescribed by law or regulation if the person:

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

(2) is a child, [or] a widow, a widower, or a spouse of a citizen or is a national of the Federated States of Micronesia; or was born in a place that became a district that ratified the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia;

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

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

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.

Date: 11/11/90

Introduced by: Wagner M. Lawrence