A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 11-53, as amended, by amending section 8 to clarify the President's authority to set the date of the referendum on the proposed constitutional amendments, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 8 of Public Law No. 11-53, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 11-66 and 12-11, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 8. Duties of the Convention.

(1) The Convention shall propose amendments to the Constitution. Unless the Convention, by resolution, selects an earlier date, proposed amendments will be placed on a ballot for a referendum to be held in March 2003 or, in the event that an amendment would affect the general election, in a special referendum called by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia for December of 2002; PROVIDED, however, that in any event the President may, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, call the referendum for a different date, taking into consideration the wishes of the Convention, as expressed by resolution, the practicalities of scheduling and funding adequate public education to enable voters to make informed choices, and availability of sufficient funds for the referendum."
(2) Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be in the format set forth in the Constitutional Amendment Procedure Act title 1, section 703 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, and any regulations issued pursuant thereto.

(3) When said amendments have been proposed by the Convention, the Convention shall notify the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, who shall transmit a copy of the amendments to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and shall call a referendum as provided by title 1, chapter 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended."

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: /s/ Jack Fritz

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