A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to article IX, section 8 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that all members of Congress shall serve four-year terms, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. 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 one member 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] Beginning with the 2003 Congressional elections, each member elected [on the basis of state equality] serves 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] every four years, as provided by statute."

Section 2. The constitutional amendment proposed in section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the people for approval as part of the referendum scheduled to take place on August 27, 2002.
Section 3. 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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