A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 207 thereof, to require the advice and consent of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for the appointment of deputy ambassadors (assistants to the ambassadors), and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 207 of title 2 of the Code of the
- 2 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos.
- 3 10-55, 11-40 and 13-77, is hereby further amended to read as
- 4 follows:
- 5 "Section 207. Appointment Authority.
- (1) The President shall nominate and, with the 6 7 advice and consent of the Congress, as provided in article X, section 2(d), of the Constitution, shall 8 9 appoint ambassadors, the secretaries of departments and 10 their deputies, if any, and the head of the office of the Public Defender, including the secretaries, and 11 12 heads of departments and offices established by 13 subsequent law; and including the chairman and the members of the Board of Advisors for the Investment 14 15 Development Fund to be appointed by the President; and

including the Federated States of Micronesia members of

the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia; and

including the Federated States of Micronesia's deputy

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ambassadors (assistants to the ambassadors) and consuls general [-;] . [provided that nothing herein shall be construed to require the appointment of the deputies and deputy ambassadors (assistant to the ambassadors) and consuls general named above; and further provided that nothing herein shall be construed to require the advice and consent of Congress for the appointment of deputy ambassadors (assistant to the ambassadors) named above.]

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- (2) The President or his or her designee may appoint officers and employees not included in subsection (1) of this section, without the advice and consent of the Congress; provided that such appointments are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter or other laws of the Federated States of Micronesia.
- (3) Any nomination submitted to Congress which is not acted upon within two (2) consecutive sessions of Congress, not including the session in which Congress first receives the nomination, or ninety (90) days, whichever occurs later in time, shall be deemed rejected. The President shall not resubmit the nomination of any person to the Congress for its action if the same Congress shall have previously rejected such nomination, unless the Congress shall by resolution authorize such resubmission.

(4) With the exception of the Chief Justice and 1 2 Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, the Public Auditor, members of boards, commissions, and other 3 entities with fixed terms, a public official whose 4 5 appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the 6 Congress shall submit his or her resignation no later 7 than (90) ninety days after the President of the Federated States of Micronesia takes the oath of 8 9 office, or at the time a new nominee for such position 10 is confirmed by the Congress, whichever is earlier, 11 provided that no ambassador shall be required by this 12 subsection to submit a resignation earlier than July 13 31, 2007. The President may re-nominate the same public official for the same position subject to the 14 1.5 advice and consent of the Congress. [In the case of 16 ambassadors only, the President may elect not to accept 17 a resignation submitted under this subsection. An 18 ambassador whose resignation is not accepted shall continue to serve in his position under the same terms 19 20 as if re-appointed with the advice and consent of Congress.] " 21 22 23

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the

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1 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
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