

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to section 6 of article XI of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of eliminating diversity jurisdiction in the national courts of cases in which the ownership of land or waters is at issue, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that  
2 article XI, section 6 of the Constitution of the Federated States  
3 of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

4           "Section 6. (a) The trial division of the Supreme  
5 Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in cases  
6 affecting officials of foreign governments, disputes  
7 between states, admiralty or maritime cases, and in  
8 cases in which the national government is a party except  
9 where an interest in land is at issue.

10                   (b) The national courts, including the trial  
11 division of the Supreme Court, have concurrent original  
12 jurisdiction in cases arising

13                           (i) under this Constitution;  
14                           (ii) under national law or treaties; and  
15                           (iii) ~~[in]~~ from disputes between a state and a  
16 citizen of another state, between citizens of different  
17 states, and between a state or a citizen thereof, and a  
18 foreign state, citizen, or subject, provided that the  
19 national courts shall not have jurisdiction under

