FIfteenth CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2007
C.B. NO. 15-47

A BILL FOR AN ACT
To propose an amendment to section 8 of article IX and section 4 of article $X$ of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of increasing the length of terms for members of Congress elected from congressional districts in each state based on population to four years.

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

Section 1. It is hereby proposed sections 8 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia shall 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 [elected on the basis of state equality] serve 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] as provided by statute."

Section 2. It is hereby proposed that section 4 of article $x$ of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be amended to read as follows:
"Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President unless he is a member of Congress [for a 4 year term] elected at large from a state on the basis of state
equality, a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia by birth, and a resident of the Federated States of Micronesia for at least 15 years." 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.

Date: 7/16/07
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