A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 14-76, by amending section 202 of chapter 2 to require that nomination petitions for candidates running for a seat in Congress be filed at least 180 days prior to a general election, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 202 of chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Code
- 2 of the Federated States of Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law
- 3 No. 14-76, is hereby amended to read as follows:

State concerned.

- 4 "Section 202. <u>Nomination of candidates</u>.
- (1) Nomination of candidates shall require submission of a nomination paper, including a petition and an affidavit, to the national election commissioner of the
 - (2) The petition shall be initiated by a candidate and shall specify whether the candidate is running for a four-year or a two-year term seat in Congress. The petition shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the Congressional Election District wherein the candidate seeks election in the case of a two-year term seat, or of the State wherein the candidate seeks

election in the case of a four-year term seat.

(3) The affidavit shall be completed and signed by the candidate and affirm that the candidate fulfills the

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qualifications of Senators as set forth in section 201
of this chapter.

(4) The name of any candidate shall be printed on an official ballot to be used for choosing candidates only if, at least [120] 180 days prior to a general election or 40 days prior to a special election, a nomination paper shall have been filed in the office of the national election commissioner of the State concerned. There shall be deposited with the nomination paper a filing fee of \$100. The national election commissioner of the State concerned shall, upon receipt of the nomination paper, endorse thereon the day, hour, and minute that such nomination paper is received. Any person who is elected as a write-in candidate shall, after certification of the election results, pay a \$100 fee and submit the affidavit, but not the petition, required by this section."

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.

22 Date: 2/11/08 Introduced by: /s/ Dion G. Neth
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