A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose amendments to Article X, Sections 1 and 5 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of requiring the President and Vice President to run together on the same slate, enabling the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia to elect the President and Vice-President by popular vote, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. It is hereby proposed that Section 1 of Article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

"The executive power of the national government is vested in the President of the Federated States of Micronesia. He is elected by the popular vote of the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia. He may not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms. The President and Vice President shall run together as a slate."

Section 2. It is hereby proposed that Section 5 of Article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended as follows:

"[After the election of the President,] The Vice President [is elected in the same manner as the President] has the same qualifications as the President and serves for the same term of office."
The Vice President shall [may] not be a resident of the same state as the President. [After the election of the President and the Vice President, vacancies in Congress shall be declared.]”

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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Introduced by: /s/ Setiro Paul

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