



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-361
FSM CONGRESS

June 14, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



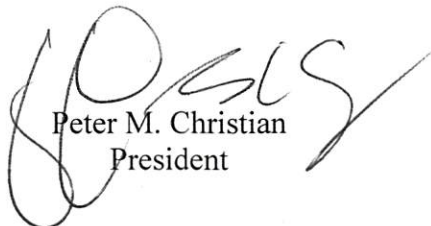
Dear Speaker Simina:

I am transmitting the following Congressional Act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 19-91:

Congressional Act No. 19-87: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 203 OF TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), TO PROVIDE THAT AS MATTER OF EVIDENCE THE RENEWAL OF FSM PASSPORTS CONSTITUTES A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF RENUNCIATION OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I take the opportunity to express our appreciation for the efforts of Congress in passing the Act, which addresses the difficulties encountered by our citizens when applying for renewal of their passport.

Sincerely,


Peter M. Christian
President

Enclosures:

XC: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
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May 26, 2016



His Excellency Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-87, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 203 OF TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), TO PROVIDE THAT AS MATTER OF EVIDENCE THE RENEWAL OF FSM PASSPORTS CONSTITUTES A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF RENUNCIATION OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2016, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION
MAY 11 - 30, 2016

PUBLIC LAW No. 19-91

An Act

TO AMEND SECTION 203 OF TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), TO PROVIDE THAT AS MATTER OF EVIDENCE THE RENEWAL OF FSM PASSPORTS CONSTITUTES A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF RENUNCIATION OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: FEBRUARY 02, 2015

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
S.C.R. NO. 19-116 – FEBRUARY 11, 2016

FIRST READING: MAY 19, 2016

SECOND READING: MAY 23, 2016

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-361
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 19-87

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-121)

We hereby certify that on May 23 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2016, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-121

~~PUBLIC LAW No. 19-91~~

AN ACT

To amend section 203 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), to provide that as matter of evidence the renewal of FSM passports constitutes a rebuttable presumption of renunciation of dual citizenship, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Purpose. The Congress recognizes and supports
2 the prohibition on dual citizenship in the FSM. Nevertheless
3 the Congress finds that it is often burdensome for citizens to
4 show evidence that they have relinquished the foreign
5 citizenship. This becomes acute in the case of FSM passport
6 renewal where at each renewal the citizen is once again asked
7 to present evidence of renunciation of foreign citizenship.
8 This bill will create a rebuttable presumption that citizens
9 whose FSM passport has been renewed twice shall be considered
10 to have relinquished the foreign citizenship and are solely FSM
11 citizens. The presumption is subject to rebuttal by the
12 Government.

13 Section 2. Section 203 of title 7 of the Code of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended
15 to read as follows:

16 "Section 203. A citizen of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia who is recognized as a citizen of another
18 national shall, within three years of his eighteenth

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1 birthday, or within three years of the effective date
2 of the Constitution, which ever is later, register
3 his intent to remain a citizen of the Federated
4 States of Micronesia with the President or his
5 designee in a manner and form prescribed by law or
6 regulation and renounce his citizenship of another
7 nation. If he fails to comply with this section, he
8 becomes a national of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia. A citizen who holds an FSM passport that
10 has been renewed twice in a row is entitled to a
11 rebuttable presumption that he has renounced the
12 citizenship of another nation and that he is solely
13 an FSM citizen."
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