

A RESOLUTION

To amend section 14 of rule 10 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, by adding a sub-subsection (iv) to subsection (b) to include appointment of Chief Clerk and Legislative Counsel by secret ballot.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
2 is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and

3 WHEREAS, rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure
4 stipulates that a motion is required to amend the said rules; and

5 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and open
6 mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of Procedure; and

7 WHEREAS, the Members of the Nineteenth Congress of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia desire to add a sub-subsection (iv)
9 to subsection (b), to require that the appointment of the Chief
10 Clerk and the Legislative Counsel to be by at least two-thirds
11 vote of the Members of Congress and by secret ballot; now,
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2015, that section 14
15 of rule 10 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Nineteenth
16 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 "Section 14. Other votes.

19 (a) Approval of the following advice and consent

1 nominations require a two-thirds vote of all Congress
2 Members:

3 (i) Approval of Presidential appointment of a
4 Justice of the Supreme Court;

5 (ii) Approval of Presidential appointment of an
6 ambassador;

7 (iii) Approval of Presidential appointment of
8 principal officers in the National Government; and

9 (iv) Approval of Presidential appointment of
10 the Public Auditor.

11 (b) The following actions may be taken by a vote of
12 at least two-thirds of the Members of Congress:

13 (i) Ratification of a treaty;

14 (ii) Removal of the President, Vice President,
15 or a justice of the Supreme Court for treason,
16 bribery, or conduct involving corruption in office;
17 [~~and~~]

18 (iii) Removal of the Public Auditor from office
19 for cause; and

20 (iv) Approval of appointment of the Legislative
21 Counsel and the Chief Clerk by secret ballot."

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia.

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5 Date: 5/27/15

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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(by request)

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