A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of guaranteeing the representation of women in Congress by creating additional at large seats in Congress reserved for women, as a temporary special measure, and for other purposes, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Amendment to Article IX Section 8. It is hereby proposed that section 8 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

"The Congress consists of one member elected at large
from each state on the basis of state equality, one
female 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 a 4-year term, and female members elected
on the basis of state equality shall also serve a 4-year
term. [And] [a]ll other members [for] shall serve a 2-year term [years]. Each member has one vote except on
the final reading of bills. Female members elected on
the basis of state equality shall have full voting rights
and shall be appointed as committee members and may
participate in discussion and debate. Congressional
elections are held biennially as provided by statute."

Section 2. This provision is a temporary special
measure and shall expire 8 years from the date it goes
into effect."

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.

Date: 7/3/18

Introduced by: /s/ Esmond B. Moses

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