A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 2 of Public Law No. 15-70, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 20-139 and 20-186, to remove the FSM citizenship requirement for JEMCO Representatives appointed by the FSM, to increase the term of years for JEMCO members to serve on the Compact Joint Economic Management Committee, to modify the number of FSM Representatives serving on the Compact Joint Economic Management Committee by increasing it from two to three contingent on the ratification of the 2023 Amended Compact and its subsidiary agreements by the FSM Congress and approval of the same by the United States Government, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 15-70, is hereby amended to read as follows:

   "Section 2. Appointment and Terms of JEMCO Representatives.

   (1) The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of Congress, [two] three JEMCO Members;

   (a) One member shall be appointed by virtue of his or her position within the National Government; and

   (b) The other members will be appointed by the President from a list of four nominees, one nominee per a state governor.

   (2) There shall be no citizenship requirements for [The] JEMCO Representatives [must be citizen] of the FSM.

   (3) JEMCO Members shall serve a term of four years
[two-year terms, or such other term as may be provided in the Compact.] A term shall commence from the date of confirmation by Congress and end when respective replacements are qualified and confirmed.

(4) A JEMCO member may be re-appointed for another consecutive terms, but not more than two consecutive terms.

(5) The National Government will be responsible for the cost of the representatives’ participation in all JEMCO meetings.

(6) The President may designate a temporary substitute from any of the [two] three representatives in the event of temporary incapacity, illness, family emergencies, and other reasons which prevent the advice and consent representative from participating in JEMCO businesses.

(7) A representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to JEMCO may be removed from office by the President for any reason.

(8) A substitute representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to JEMCO shall not serve for more than three (3) consecutive months, unless he or she is first appointed by the President and confirmed by Congress.”
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: 7/10/23

Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence

Quincy Lawrence (by request)