

SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1982

C. B. NO. 2-229

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a jury system for cases of National jurisdiction, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Right to jury trial.

2 (1) Any person accused by information filed in the Supreme  
3 Court of committing a major crime shall be entitled to a trial by a  
4 jury of six persons or such smaller number as the parties may  
5 stipulate with the approval of the Court.

6 (2) In civil actions before the Supreme Court where the  
7 amount claimed or value of the property involved exceeds \$1,000  
8 exclusive of interest and costs, the parties shall be entitled to a  
9 trial by a jury of six persons or such smaller number as the parties  
10 may stipulate with the approval of the Court. A civil jury trial  
11 shall be of all legal issues, as distinguished from equitable issues.

12 Section 2. Jury trial procedure. Procedural matters such as  
13 challenges, jury fees, juror qualifications, jury service exemptions  
14 and exclusions, drawing juries, apportionment of jurors, juror  
15 summonses, jury voir dire, waiver of jury trial, and other jury trial  
16 procedures shall be promulgated by the Supreme Court and published  
17 as Court rules pursuant to article XI, section 9, of the Constitution  
18 of the Federated States of Micronesia.

19 Section 3. Effective date. Upon the approval by the President  
20 of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law  
21 without such approval, this act shall take effect on July 1, 1983.

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23 Date: May 27, 1982

Introduced by:

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