(c) Congressional act. A constitutional amendment may also be proposed by an act of Congress pursuant to the provisions of sections 20 through 22, article IX, of the Constitution.

(2) No proposed constitutional amendment will be placed on the ballot in a general election for Members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia unless it shall have been received by the President no later than 45 consecutive days prior to the date of said general election; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing in this subsection shall prevent a proposed constitutional amendment from being placed on the ballot during a special election called by the President for that purpose."

Section 2. Effective date. 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 October 18, 1987 Introduced by: Hiroshi Israel
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 2 of Public Law No. 2-51 to have the election commissioner transmit an initiative petition for amending the Constitution to the President, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 2-51 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Methods of proposing constitutional amendments.

(1) There shall be three methods of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia:

(a) Constitutional convention. Upon application of the legislature of three-fourths of the States, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall enact a law authorizing a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing a specific amendment or amendments to the Constitution. At least every 10 years, the Congress shall submit to the voters the question: "Shall there be a convention to revise or amend the Constitution?" A referendum on the question shall be held no later than May 10, 1989; or

(b) Initiative petition. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by a popular initiative petition signed by no less than 10 percent of the registered voters in not less than three-fourths of the States. An initiative petition with the requisite number of signatures shall be transmitted by the election commissioner of each respective State as established in section 3(h) of this act, without delay to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia; or