A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 101 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia to reapportion the Congress in 1984, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 101 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 101. Membership and terms of office. The Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be a unicameral National legislature consisting of fourteen Members to be known as Senators as follows:

(1) four at-large Members, one from each of the States of Kosrae, Ponape, Truk, and Yap, who are elected on the basis of State equality to serve for a four-year term.

(2) ten Members serving for a term of two years and elected on the basis of population as follows:

(a) one Member elected from Kosrae as a single-member congressional district;

(b) one Member elected from Yap as a single-member congressional district;

(c) three Members elected from Ponape, one of whom representing each single-member congressional district;

(d) five Members elected from Truk one of whom representing each single-member congressional district.

(3) single-member congressional districts shall be reapportioned at least every 10 years. The first such reapportionment shall be made in 1984 with 15 Members serving for a term of two years and elected on the basis of population as follows:

(a) one Member elected from Kosrae as a single-
member congressional district;

(b) two Members elected from Yap, one of whom representing each single-member congressional district;

(c) five Members elected from Pohnpei, one of whom representing each single-member congressional district; and

(d) seven Members elected from Truk, one of whom representing each single-member congressional district.

(4) Each Senator elected at large shall hold office for a term of four years. Senators elected on the basis of population shall each hold office for a term of two years. The terms of office of all Members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall commence at noon on the tenth day of May following their election, except as otherwise provided by law. Any Member elected or appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term of the person he succeeds."

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.

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