A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to article IX, section 8, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for 4-year terms for all Members of Congress, and for other purposes.

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

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

"Section 8. The Congress consists of one 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. All Members elected on the basis of state equality serve for a 4-year term and all other Members for 2 years; PROVIDED that only those members elected at large are eligible to become President and Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia. Each member has one vote, except on the final reading of bills. Congressional elections are held quadrennially as provided by statute."

Section 2. Procedure. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed constitutional amendment set out in section 1 will become part of the Constitution after completion of procedures and ratification as required by Public Law No. 2-51.

Section 3. 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.

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