

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to article X, sections 1, 4 and 5 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for direct election of the President and Vice-President, and for other purposes.

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

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

4 "Section 1. The executive power of the national government
5 is vested in the President of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia. The President and Vice-President shall
7 register for election together, and they shall not be
8 residents of the same State. The President and
9 Vice-President are ~~he is~~ elected by ~~Congress~~ for ~~a~~ terms of
10 four years by a majority ~~vote~~ of the votes cast in a
11 general election by ~~all the members~~ the eligible voters of
12 the Federated States of Micronesia. If no two individuals
13 seeking the Office of President and Vice-President obtain
14 a majority of the votes cast in the general election, then
15 the President and Vice-President shall be elected by a
16 run-off election consisting of the two pairs of candidates
17 receiving the greatest numbers of votes in the general
18 election. The run-off election shall be held 21 days
19 after the general election. ~~He~~ The President may not serve
20 for more than 2 consecutive terms."

21 Section 2. Proposed amendment of article X, section 4. It is
22 hereby proposed that article X, section 4, of the Constitution of the
23 Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

24 "Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President of
25 the Federated States of Micronesia unless he is ~~a member of~~

1 Congress for a term of at least 30 years of age on the
2 day of election, a citizen of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia by birth, and a resident of the Federated States
4 of Micronesia for at least 15 years. A person convicted of
5 a felony by a State or National Government Court is
6 ineligible to become President."

7 Section 3. Proposed amendment of article X, section 5. It is
8 hereby proposed that article X, section 5, of the Constitution of the
9 Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

10 "Section 5. After the election of the President, the
11 Vice-President is elected in the same manner as the
12 President, has the same qualifications, and serves for the
13 same term of office. He may not be a resident of the same
14 state. After the election of the President and the
15 Vice-President, vacancies in Congress shall be declared.
16 A person is ineligible to become Vice-President of the
17 Federated States of Micronesia unless he is qualified to
18 become President of the Federated States of Micronesia."

19 Section 4. Procedure. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed
20 constitutional amendment set out in sections 1, 4 and 5 will become
21 part of the Constitution after completion of procedures and
22 ratification as required by Public Law No. 2-51, as amended by
23 Public Law No. 2-58.

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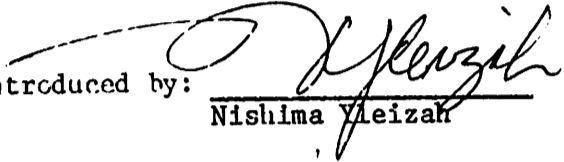
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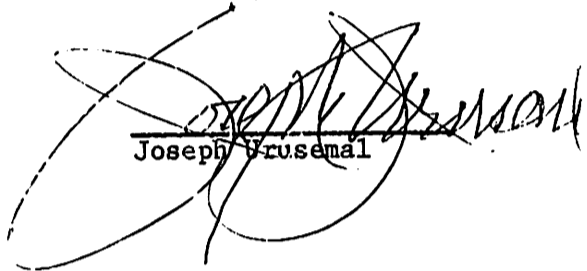
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1 Section 5. Effective date. This act shall become law upon
2 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or
3 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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