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SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1990

C. B. No. 6-300

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to sections 8, 10 and 11 of article IX and section 4 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that there shall be 14 Members of Congress and all of them shall be elected at large from the entire Nation, and for other purposes.

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

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

4 "Section 8. The Congress consists of ~~one~~ fourteen members  
5 elected at large ~~from each state on the basis of state~~  
6 ~~equality, and additional members elected from congressional~~  
7 ~~districts in each state apportioned by population.~~ Members  
8 ~~elected on the basis of state equality~~ serve for a 4-year  
9 term, ~~and all other members for 2 years.~~ Each member has  
10 one vote, ~~except on the~~ on both first and final reading of  
11 bills. Congressional elections are held biennially as  
12 provided by statute."

13 Section 2. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that  
14 section 10 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States  
15 of Micronesia be repealed as follows:

16 "Section 10. ~~At least every 10 years Congress shall~~  
17 ~~reapportion itself. A state is entitled to at least one~~  
18 ~~member of Congress on the basis of population in addition~~  
19 ~~to the member elected at large. A state shall apportion~~  
20 ~~itself by law into single member congressional districts.~~  
21 ~~Each district shall be approximately equal in population~~  
22 ~~after giving due regard to language, cultural, and~~  
23 ~~geographic differences."~~

24 Section 3. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that  
25 section 11 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated

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1 States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

2        "Section 11 10. A state may provide that one of its  
3        seats is set aside for a traditional leader who shall be  
4        chosen as provided by statute ~~for a 2-year term~~, in lieu of  
5        one representative elected on the basis of population. The  
6        number of congressional districts shall be reduced and  
7        reapportioned accordingly."

8        Section 4. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that  
9        section 4 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of  
10       Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

11        "Section 4. A person is ineligible to become  
12        President unless he is a member of Congress ~~for a 4-year~~  
13        ~~term~~, a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia by  
14        birth, and a resident of the Federated States of Micronesia  
15        for at least 15 years."

16        Section 5. Sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and  
17        22 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of  
18        Micronesia are hereby renumbered as sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,  
19        17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 respectively.

20        Section 6. Procedure. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed  
21        constitutional amendment set out in sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 will  
22        become part of the Constitution after completion of procedures and  
23        ratification as required by chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the  
24        Federated States of Micronesia.

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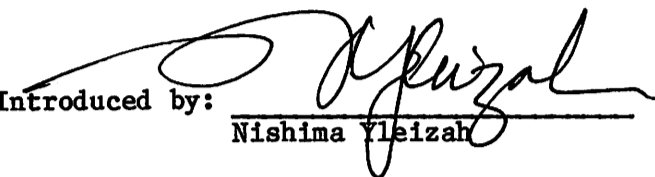
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1           Section 7. Effective date. This act shall become law upon  
2 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or  
3 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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