

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to sections 8 and 11 of article IX and section 4 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that all Members of Congress shall be elected for a 4-year term and shall be eligible to be 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. 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 member elected at
5 large from each state on the basis of state equality, and
6 additional members elected from congressional districts in
7 each state apportioned by population. Members ~~elect~~ ~~of~~
8 ~~the~~ ~~basis~~ ~~of~~ ~~state~~ ~~equality~~ serve for a 4-year term/ and
9 ~~all~~ ~~other~~ ~~members~~ ~~for~~ ~~2~~ ~~years~~. Each member has one vote,
10 except on the final reading of bills. Congressional
11 elections are held ~~biennially~~ as provided by statute."

12 Section 2. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that
13 section 11 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States
14 of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

15 "Section 11. A state may provide that one of its seats is
16 set aside for a traditional leader who shall be chosen as
17 provided by statute ~~for a 2-year term~~ in lieu of one
18 representative elected on the basis of population. The
19 number of congressional districts shall be reduced and
20 reapportioned accordingly."

21 Section 3. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that
22 section 4 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of
23 Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

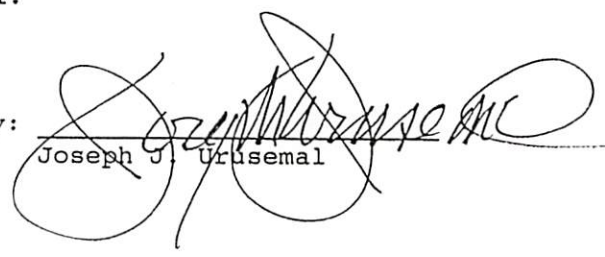
24 "Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President
25 unless he is a member of Congress ~~for a 4-year term~~, a

1 citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia by birth,
2 and a resident of the Federated States of Micronesia for
3 at least 15 years."

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

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

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13 Date: 10/27/93

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