A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia by amending section 204 to provide for a biennial national referendum to determine naturalization of persons as citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 204. Naturalization. The President, by bill, shall naturalize a person as a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form prescribed by law or regulation if the person:

(1) has lawfully resided within the Federated States of Micronesia, whether prior or subsequent to the effective date of the Constitution, for at least five years immediately preceding the date of filing his petition for naturalization;

(2) is a child or spouse of a citizen or is a national of the Federated States of Micronesia;

(3) upon naturalization, shall have renounced previous citizenship and allegiance to any and all foreign powers and rulers, and taken an oath of allegiance in a manner and form prescribed by law or regulation; and

(4) has competence in at least one of the indigenous languages of the Federated States of Micronesia evidenced by passing a language examination prepared and administered by the President or his designee; and

(5) shall have received a majority of affirmative votes from the total number of votes cast for or against that person in a national referendum, which referendum shall be held at least biennially in conjunction with each national election and pursuant to regulations promulgated for each such referendum by the National..."
Election Director or his designee consistent with Title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia."

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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