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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of guaranteeing the representation of women in Congress by creating additional at large seats in Congress reserved for women to serve for only three consecutive 2-year terms, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Amendment to Article IX Section 8. It is hereby  
2 proposed that section 8 of article IX of the Constitution of the  
3 Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:  
4 "The Congress consists of one member elected at large from each  
5 state on the basis of state equality, one female member elected at  
6 large from each state on the basis of state equality, and  
7 additional members elected from congressional districts in each  
8 state apportioned by population. Members elected on the basis of  
9 state equality serve a 4-year term, but female members elected on  
10 the basis of state equality shall serve a 2-year term~~[7]~~. ~~[And]~~  
11 ~~[a]~~All other members ~~[for]~~ shall serve a 2-year term ~~[years]~~.  
12 Each member has one vote except on the final reading of bills.  
13 Congressional elections are held biennially as provided by  
14 statute. The seats created for female members elected on the  
15 basis of state equality shall terminate after three consecutive 2-  
16 year terms."

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

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5 Date: 5/23/16

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