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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 2 of Public Law No. 15-70, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 20-139 and 20-186, to remove the FSM citizenship requirement for JEMCO Representatives appointed by the FSM, to increase the term of years for JEMCO members to serve on the Compact Joint Economic Management Committee, to modify the number of FSM Representatives serving on the Compact Joint Economic Management Committee by increasing it from two to three contingent on the ratification of the 2023 Amended Compact and its subsidiary agreements by the FSM Congress and approval of the same by the United States Government, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 15-70, is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           “Section 2. Appointment and Terms of JEMCO  
4 Representatives.

5           (1) The President shall appoint, with the advice and  
6 consent of Congress, [~~two~~] three JEMCO Members;

7           (a) One member shall be appointed by virtue of  
8 his or her position within the National Government; and

9           (b) The other members will be appointed by the  
10 President from a list of four nominees, one nominee per  
11 a state governor.

12           (2) There shall be no citizenship requirements for  
13 [The] JEMCO Representatives [must be citizen] of the  
14 FSM.

15           (3) JEMCO Members shall serve a term of four years

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1           ~~[two year terms, or such other term as may be provided~~  
2           ~~in the Compact.]~~ A term shall commence from the date of  
3           confirmation by Congress and end when respective  
4           replacements are qualified and confirmed.

5           (4) A JEMCO member may be re-appointed for another  
6           consecutive terms, but not more than two consecutive  
7           terms.

8           (5) The National Government will be responsible for  
9           the cost of the representatives' participation in all  
10          JEMCO meetings.

11          (6) The President may designate a temporary  
12          substitute from any of the ~~[two]~~three representatives in  
13          the event of temporary incapacity, illness, family  
14          emergencies, and other reasons which prevent the advice  
15          and consent representative from participating in JEMCO  
16          businesses.

17          (7) A representative of the Federated States of  
18          Micronesia to JEMCO may be removed from office by the  
19          President for any reason.

20          (8) A substitute representative of the Federated  
21          States of Micronesia to JEMCO shall not serve for more  
22          than three (3) consecutive months, unless he or she is  
23          first appointed by the President and confirmed by  
24          Congress."

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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: 7/10/23

Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence

Quincy Lawrence  
(by request)

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