

EIGHTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1993 CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 8-146, C.D.1, C.D.2

Public Law No. 8 - 117

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 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 of
3 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 elected on
8 the basis of state equality serve for a 4-year term and all
9 other members for 2 years, except that all members elected
10 after January 1, 1995, shall serve for a four-year term.
11 Each member has one vote, except on the final reading of
12 bills. Congressional elections are held as provided by
13 statute."

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

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

22 Section 3. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that

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1 section 4 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President
4 unless he is a member of Congress elected on the basis of
5 State equality, a citizen of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia by birth, and a resident of the Federated States
7 of Micronesia for at least 15 years."

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

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

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President
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