

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 9-073, by amending section 204, for the purpose of expanding the category of persons who may become naturalized citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia by allowing a widow or a widower of a citizen to become a naturalized citizen, and by allowing a person who was born in a place that became a district that ratified the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to become a naturalized citizen, provided that other criteria are met, and for other purposes.

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

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

4 "Section 204. Naturalization.

5 The President, on Congress's recommendation by  
6 bill, may naturalize a person as a citizen of the  
7 Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form  
8 prescribed by law or regulation if the person:

9 (1) shall have lawfully resided within the  
10 Federated States of Micronesia, whether prior or  
11 subsequent to the effective date of the  
12 Constitution, for at least five years immediately  
13 preceding the date of filing his petition for  
14 naturalization;

15 (2) is a child, ~~[or]~~ a widow, a widower, or a  
16 spouse of a citizen or is a national of the  
17 Federated States of Micronesia; or was born in a  
18 place that became a district that ratified the  
19 Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia;

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

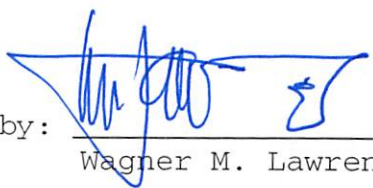
25 (4) has competence in at least one of the

1 indigenou languages of the Federated States of  
 2 Micronesia evidenced by passing a language  
 3 examination prepared and administered by the  
 4 President or his designee."

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

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