

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 11-53, as amended, by amending section 8 to clarify the President's authority to set the date of the referendum on the proposed constitutional amendments, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8 of Public Law No. 11-53, as amended by
2 Public Laws Nos. 11-66 and 12-11, is hereby further amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 8. Duties of the Convention.

5 (1) The Convention shall propose amendments to the
6 Constitution. Unless the Convention, by resolution, selects
7 an earlier date, proposed amendments will be placed on a
8 ballot for a referendum to be held in March 2003 or, in the
9 event that an amendment would affect the general election, in
10 a special referendum called by the President of the Federated
11 States of Micronesia for December of 2002; PROVIDED, however,
12 that in any event the President may, pursuant to the
13 provisions of chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia, call the referendum for a
15 different date, taking into consideration the wishes of the
16 Convention, as expressed by resolution, the practicalities of
17 scheduling and funding adequate public education to enable
18 voters to make informed choices, and availability of
19 sufficient funds for the referendum.

