
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, as a temporary special measure, additional seats in Congress, 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
2 hereby proposed that section 8 of article IX of the
3 Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended
4 to read as follows:

5 "Section 8. The Congress consists of one member elected
6 at large from each state on the basis of state equality,
7 one female member elected at large from each state on
8 the basis of state equality, and additional members
9 elected from congressional districts in each state
10 apportioned by population. Members elected on the basis
11 of state equality serve a 4-year term, but female
12 members elected on the basis of state equality may serve
13 a 2-year term~~[7]~~. [~~And~~] [~~a~~]All other members [~~for~~]
14 shall serve a 2-year~~[s]~~ term. Female members elected on
15 the basis of state equality shall be nonvoting members.
16 These members may be appointed as committee members, and
17 may participate in discussion and debate. Congressional
18 elections are held biennially as provided by statute.

