
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of expanding the powers expressly delegated to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to include the power to coordinate activities relating to climate change, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Amendment to Article IX Section 2. It is hereby
2 proposed that section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

4 “The following powers are expressly delegated to
5 Congress:

6 (a) to provide for the national defense;

7 (b) to ratify treaties;

8 (c) to regulate immigration, emigration,
9 naturalization, and citizenship;

10 (d) to impose taxes, duties, and tariffs based
11 on imports;

12 (e) to impose taxes on income;

13 (f) to issue and regulate currency;

14 (g) to regulate banking, foreign and
15 interstate commerce, insurance, the issuance and
16 use of commercial paper and securities,
17 bankruptcy and insolvency, and patents and
18 copyrights;

- 1 (h) to regulate navigation and shipping
2 except within lagoons, lakes, and rivers;
- 3 (i) to establish usury limits on major loans;
- 4 (j) to provide for a national postal system;
- 5 (k) to acquire and govern new territory;
- 6 (l) to govern the area set aside as the
7 national capital;
- 8 (m) to regulate the ownership, exploration,
9 and exploitation of natural resources within the
10 marine space of the Federated States of
11 Micronesia beyond 12 miles from island baselines;
- 12 (n) to establish and regulate a national
13 public service system;
- 14 (o) to impeach and remove the President,
15 Vice-President, and justices of the Supreme
16 Court;
- 17 (p) to define national crimes and prescribe
18 penalties, having due regard for local custom and
19 tradition;
- 20 (q) to override a Presidential veto by not
21 less than a 3/4 vote of all the state
22 delegations, each delegation casting one vote;
23 [and]
- 24 (r) to promote education and health by
25 setting minimum standards, coordinating state

1 activities relating to foreign assistance,
2 providing training and assistance to the states
3 and providing support for post-secondary
4 educational programs and projects; and[+] (s) to coordinate activities relating to
5 climate change."
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7 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
8 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
9 becoming law without such approval.

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11 Date: 5/11/17

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