## TWELFTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2001

C.B. NO. \_\_12-23\_\_\_\_\_

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to section 2(d) of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to allow Congress to limit by statute the authority of the President to remove the principal legal officer, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. This act would propose an amendment to the 2 Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to allow Congress to 3 limit the authority of the President to remove a Secretary or other 4 principal officer. The intent of the proposed amendment would include, 5 but would not be limited to, allowing Congress to condition such 6 removal on approval by Congress itself.

Section 2. <u>Proposed amendment</u>. It is hereby proposed that
section 2(d) of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States
of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

"(d) with the advice and consent of Congress, to appoint 10 ambassadors; all judges of the Supreme Court and other courts 11 prescribed by statute; the principal officers of executive 12 13 departments in the national government; and such other 14 officers as may be provided for by statute. Ambassadors and principal officers serve at the pleasure of the President, 15 16 except that by statute Congress may limit the power of the President to remove the principal legal officer." 17

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Section 3. <u>Procedure</u>. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed
 constitutional amendment set out in section 1 of this act will become
 part of the Constitution after completion of procedures and
 ratification as required by chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the
 Federated States of Micronesia. The constitutional amendment proposed
 herein shall be submitted to the people for approval as one amendment
 to the Constitution on the ballot for the March, 2003, general
 election.

9 Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the 10 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming 11 law without such approval.

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13 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

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