TWELFTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2002

C.B. NO. 12-94

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 follows: 3 "Section 8. Duties of the Convention. 4 (1) The Convention shall propose amendments to the 5 Constitution. Unless the Convention, by resolution, selects 6 7 an earlier date, proposed amendments will be placed on a ballot for a referendum to be held in March 2003 or, in the 8 event that an amendment would affect the general election, in 9 a special referendum called by the President of the Federated 10 States of Micronesia for December of 2002; PROVIDED, however, 11 12 that in any event the President may, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the 13 Federated States of Micronesia, call the referendum for a 14 different date, taking into consideration the wishes of the 15 Convention, as expressed by resolution, the practicalities of 16 17 scheduling and funding adequate public education to enable voters to make informed choices, and availability of 18 19 sufficient funds for the referendum.

1 (2) Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be in the 2 format set forth in the Constitutional Amendment Procedure Act title 1, section 703 of the Code of the Federated States 3 4 of Micronesia, as amended, and any regulations issued 5 pursuant thereto. (3) When said amendments have been proposed by the 6 7 Convention, the Convention shall notify the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, who shall transmit a copy of 8 the amendments to the Congress of the Federated States of 9 10 Micronesia, and shall call a referendum as provided by title 1, chapter 7 of the Code of the Federated States of 11 Micronesia, as amended." 12 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the 13 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming 14 law without such approval. 15 16 17 Date: <u>1/29/02</u> Introduced by: /s/ Jack Fritz_ Jack Fritz 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25