A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, to authorize dual citizenship for citizens of certain countries, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 1. It is hereby proposed that Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. (A) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section, a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia who is recognized as a citizen of another nation shall, within 3 years of his 18th birthday, or within 3 years of the effective date of this Constitution, whichever is later, register his intent to remain a citizen of the Federated States and renounce his citizenship of another nation. If he fails to comply with this Section, he becomes a national of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this Section, citizens of the United States of America, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands may simultaneously hold citizenship of the Federated States of Micronesia and one or more of those nations, if the law of such nation or nations
allows its citizens simultaneous citizenship with the Federated States of Micronesia."

Section 2. The constitutional amendment proposed in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the people for approval during the general election scheduled to take place in March, 2003.

Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 10/23/02

Introduced by: /s/ Jack Fritz

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