A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 4 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 107 thereof to modify the qualifications required of a Justice of the Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 107 of title 4 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 107. Qualifications of Supreme Court Justices.

A person nominated to the position of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall:

(1) be at least thirty years of age at the time of nomination; and

(2) (a) be a graduate from an accredited law school [and be admitted to practice law in any jurisdiction, or be a person of equivalent and extraordinary legal ability obtained through at least five years of experience practicing law] and have been a member of the Bar of the Federated States of Micronesia for not less than one year, or (b) have been a member of the Bar of the Federated States of Micronesia for not less than ten years; and
(3) not have been disciplined for violating any code of responsibility or code of ethics applicable to lawyers in any jurisdiction."

Section 2. 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: 9/2/04

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