To propose amendments to article IX, section 8 and 10, and article X, section 4 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of providing that all members of Congress shall be elected for four-year terms, that the President is to be elected from among the at-large members of Congress and for other purposes.

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

1. **Section 1. Proposed amendment.** It is hereby proposed that section 8 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

   “Section 8. The Congress consists of one member elected at large from each state on the basis of state equality, and additional members elected from congressional districts in each state apportioned by population. Each [member] shall be elected [on the basis of state equality] to serve for a 4-year term [, and all other members for 2 years]. Each member has one vote, except on the final reading of bills. Congressional elections are held [biennially] every four years as provided by statute.”

2. **Section 2.** It is hereby proposed that section 10 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

   "Section 10. At least every 10 years Congress shall
reapportion itself. A state is entitled to at least one member of Congress on the basis of population in addition to the member elected at large. A state shall apportion itself by law into single member congressional districts. Each district shall be approximately equal in population after giving due regard to language, cultural, and geographic differences. In any state in which there is only one election district, the election of one of the state’s members of Congress shall be designated, as provided by statute, as the election of the state’s at-large member.”

Section 3. It is hereby proposed that section 4 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

“Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President unless he is [a] an at-large member of Congress [for a 4-year term], a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia by birth, and a resident of the Federated States of Micronesia for at least 15 years.”
Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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