



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 15-293
FSM CONGRESS

November 12, 2008

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
15th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

Dear Speaker Figir:

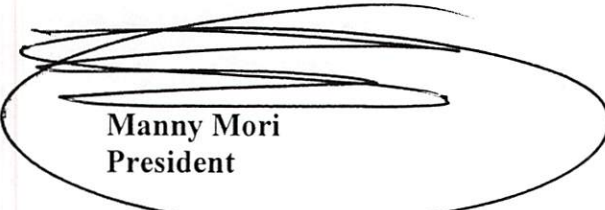
I am writing to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 15-61:

Congressional Act No. 15-65, "AN ACT TO PROPOSE THE REPEAL OF ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING CITIZENS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO RETAIN OR OBTAIN CITIZENSHIP OF ANOTHER STATE WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO RELINQUISH CITIZENSHIP OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

This bill passes into law without signature. Dual citizenship has become a worldwide phenomenon. Despite the notion that dual citizenship is prohibited in FSM, the very same constitutional provision subject herein recognizes dual citizenship during minority of a citizen before registering intent to retain FSM citizenship. This bill, now a public law, proposes to stretch dual citizenship up to the adult years of a person.

Regardless of the legal or constitutional aspect of the discussion, the ultimate question boils down to whether the voters are ready to embrace this concept of dual citizenship. There is a need for balancing diverse and delicate interests mostly touching upon customs and traditions. With this in mind, the sovereign People of FSM I believe should be the best judge.

Sincerely,


Manny Mori
President

Enclosure:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
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October 07, 2008



His Excellency Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 15-65, "AN ACT TO PROPOSE THE REPEAL OF ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING CITIZENS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO RETAIN OR OBTAIN CITIZENSHIP OF ANOTHER STATE WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO RELINQUISH CITIZENSHIP OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2008, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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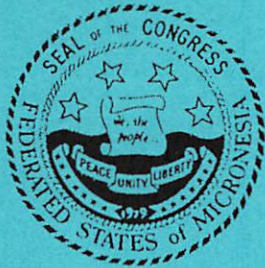
ACT NO. 15-65

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 15-18)

We hereby certify that on October 1 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2008, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia



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FITEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIFTH REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 12 – OCTOBER 3, 2008

PUBLIC LAW No. 15 - 61

An Act

TO PROPOSE THE REPEAL OF ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING CITIZENS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO RETAIN OR OBTAIN CITIZENSHIP OF ANOTHER STATE WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO RELINQUISH CITIZENSHIP OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR DOHSIS HALBERT

DATE: MAY 17, 2008

REFERRED TO: JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
S.C.R NO. 15-145 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

SECOND READING: OCTOBER 1, 2008

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress

AN ACT

To propose the repeal of article III, section 3 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of enabling citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia to retain or obtain citizenship of another state without being required to relinquish citizenship of the Federated States of Micronesia, 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
2 section 3 of article III of the Constitution of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia be repealed.

4 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
5 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
6 becoming law without such approval.

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Law with signature

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Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia