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C.B. NO. 2-267

1 (c) Congressional act. A constitutional
2 amendment may also be proposed by an act of Congress pur-
3 suant to the provisions of sections 20 through 22, article
4 IX, of the Constitution.

5 (2) No proposed constitutional amendment will
6 be placed on the ballot in a general election for Members
7 of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
8 unless it shall have been received by the President no later
9 than 45 consecutive days prior to the date of said general
10 election; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing in this subsection
11 shall prevent a proposed constitutional amendment from being
12 placed on the ballot during a special election called by the
13 President for that purpose."

14 Section 2. Effective date. This act shall become law upon ap-
15 proval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon
16 its becoming law without such approval.

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18 Date: OCTOBER 18, 1984 Introduced by: Hiroshi Ismael
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 2 of Public Law No. 2-51 to have the election commissioner transmit an initiative petition for amending the Constitution to the President, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 2-51 is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

3 "Section 2. Methods of proposing constitutional amendments.

4 (1) There shall be three methods of proposing
5 amendments to the Constitution of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia:

7 (a) Constitutional convention. Upon appli-
8 cation of the legislatures of three-fourths of the States,
9 the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall
10 enact a law authorizing a constitutional convention for
11 the purpose of proposing a specific amendment or amendments
12 to the Constitution. At least every 10 years, the Congress
13 shall submit to the voters the question: "Shall there be
14 a convention to revise or amend the Constitution?" A refer-
15 endum on the question shall be held no later than May 10,
16 1989; or

17 (b) Initiative petition. A constitutional
18 amendment may be proposed by a popular initiative petition
19 signed by no less than 10 percent of the registered voters
20 in not less than three-fourths of the States. An initiative
21 petition with the requisite number of signatures shall be
22 transmitted by the ~~governor~~ election commissioner of each
23 respective State as established in section 3(h) of this act,
24 without delay to the President of the Federated States of
25 Micronesia; or