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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to article IX, section 12, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that the runner-up candidate receiving the next highest vote total fill the vacancies in the Congress created by the selection of a President and Vice President.

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

1 Section 1. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that article  
2 IX, section 12, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia  
3 be amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 12. A vacancy in Congress is filled for the unexpired  
5 term. In the absence of provision by law, an unexpired term  
6 is filled by special election, except that:

7 a) An unexpired term of less than one year is filled  
8 by appointment by the state chief executive; or

9 b) Vacancies created by the selection of a President  
10 and Vice-President shall be filled by the candidate who received  
11 the next highest vote total for the four-year term, from the  
12 state of the new President and Vice-President."

13 Section 2. Procedure. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed  
14 constitutional amendment set out in section 1 will become part of the  
15 Constitution after completion of procedures and ratification as required  
16 by Public Law No. 2-51.

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

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21 Date: May 17, 1983

Introduced by:   
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