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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To repeal subsection 1 of section 102 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia and to enact a new subsection 1 in lieu thereof to provide that the candidates receiving the next highest vote totals fill the vacancies in the Congress created by the election of a President and Vice President, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection 1 of section 102 of title 9 of the Code of
2 the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby repealed and a new sub-
3 section 1 is enacted to read as follows:

4 "Section 102. Vacancies - Special election.

5 (1) *After the election of the President and Vice President,*
6 *vacancies shall be declared for the seats to which the President*
7 *and Vice President were originally elected as at-large members*
8 *of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. Upon*
9 *notification by the Presiding Officer of the Congress of the*
10 *Federated States of Micronesia, the election commissions of*
11 *the States so affected shall conduct special elections, thirty*
12 *days after the vacancies are declared, to fill the vacancies.*
13 *The nomination procedure for filling subject vacancies shall*
14 *follow substantially the procedure as set forth in section 202*
15 *of this title, as amended, provided, however, that the name of*
16 *any candidate for such special elections shall be printed on an*
17 *official ballot to be used for purposes hereinafter only if, at*
18 *least fourteen days prior to such special elections, a nomination*
19 *petition shall have been filed in the office of the election*
20 *commissions of the States in which vacancies had occurred.*

21 (1) Vacancies in the Congress of the Federated States of
22 Micronesia created by the election of a President and Vice
23 President shall be filled by the candidates for Congress who
24 received the next highest vote totals for the four-year term
25 from the States of the new President and Vice President.

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1 (2) Any other vacancy in the Congress shall be filled for
 2 the unexpired term by special election, except that an unexpired
 3 term of one year or less shall be filled by appointment by the
 4 chief executive of the State affected. The appointee shall
 5 serve only for the unexpired term."

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

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