
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, by amending sections 102 and 202, for the purpose of adding additional criteria by which someone can become a naturalized citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, extending the definition of the term "Micronesian", and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 102 of title 7 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 102. Naturalization -- Authority of [High
5 Commissioner] President to grant. The [High
6 Commissioner] President may grant [~~Trust Territory~~
7 Federated States of Micronesia citizenship to persons
8 who:

- 9 (1) are eighteen years of age or over;
- 10 (2) are of good moral character, as certified by the
11 [~~district administrator~~] Governor and two leading
12 citizens of the [~~community~~] State in which they reside;
- 13 (3) have not acquired, or who renounce previous
14 citizenship, and renounce allegiance to any and all
15 foreign powers & rulers;
- 16 (4) have been permanent residents of and legally
17 domiciled continuously in the [~~Trust Territory~~]
18 Federated States of Micronesia for at least five years
19 immediately prior to the application of citizenship,
20 and:

1 (a) have been born of parents, one of whom was a
2 citizen of, and maintained his principal residence in
3 the [~~Trust Territory~~] Federated States of Micronesia at
4 that time of birth; or

5 (b) have been born of parents, one of whom has
6 been granted [~~Trust Territory~~] Federated States of
7 Micronesia citizenship pursuant to this section.

8 (5) are citizens of the other Micronesian islands but
9 have been permanent residents of the Federated States of
10 Micronesia for at least twenty years immediately prior
11 to the application of citizenship;

12 (6) are citizens of other countries but have been a
13 permanent resident of the Federated States of Micronesia
14 for at least twenty-five years immediately prior to the
15 application of citizenship;

16 (7) is the married spouse of a Federated States of
17 Micronesia citizen with children by that spouse and a
18 permanent resident of the Federated States of Micronesia
19 for at least twenty years immediately prior to the
20 application of citizenship; or

21 (8) are business owners and investors living in and
22 doing business in the Federated States of Micronesia for
23 at least fifteen years immediately prior to the
24 application of citizenship."

25 Section 2. Section 202 of title 7 of the Code of the

1 Federated States of Micronesia as amended by Public Law No. 9-73,
2 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 202. Citizenship

4 (1) For all official purposes, a citizen of the
5 Federated States of Micronesia as defined by the
6 relevant provisions of this chapter shall be referred to
7 as a 'Micronesian citizen' or, in the alternative,
8 'Micronesian'.

9 (2) The following are citizens of the Federated
10 States of Micronesia:

11 (a) a person who is a citizen of the Trust
12 Territory of the Pacific Islands immediately prior to
13 the effective date of the Constitution and a
14 domiciliary of a district ratifying the Constitution
15 of the Federated States of Micronesia;

16 (b) a person born, at any time, of parents one
17 or both of whom are citizens of the Federated States
18 of Micronesia;

19 (c) a person who becomes a citizen pursuant to
20 section 4 or 5 of article III of the Constitution; and

21 (d) a person who is a naturalized citizen as
22 defined under Chapter 1 Section 102 of title 7 of the
23 Code of the Federated States of Micronesia."

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25 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the

1 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
2 becoming law without such approval.

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4 Date: 5/14/09 Introduced by: /s/ Peter Sitan
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