
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to Article IX, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, to require the States to share 50% of their portions of the revenue derived from fishing fees with their respective municipalities, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. The purpose of the proposed amendment to Article
2 IX, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia is to require the States to share 50% of their portions
4 of the revenue derived from fishing fees with their respective
5 municipalities.

6 Section 2. It is hereby proposed that Article IX, Section 2 of
7 the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to
8 read as follows:

9 "Section 2. The following powers are expressly
10 delegated to Congress:
11 (a) to provide for the national defense;
12 (b) to ratify treaties;
13 (c) to regulate immigration, emigration, naturalization,
14 and citizenship;
15 (d) to impose taxes, duties, and tariffs based on imports;
16 (e) to impose taxes on income;
17 (f) to issue and regulate currency;
18 (g) to regulate banking, foreign and interstate

1 commerce, insurance, the issuance and use of
2 commercial paper and securities, bankruptcy and
3 insolvency, and patents and copyrights;

4 (h) to regulate navigation and shipping except within
5 lagoons, lakes, and rivers;

6 (i) to establish usury limits on major loans;

7 (j) to provide for a national postal system;

8 (k) to acquire and govern new territory;

9 (l) to govern the area set aside as the national
10 capital;

11 (m) to regulate the ownership, exploration, and
12 exploitation of natural resources within the marine
13 space of the Federated States of Micronesia beyond 12
14 miles from island baselines; provided that

15 (i) not less than 50 percent (50%) of all revenue
16 collected from all forms of fishing fees are
17 shared with the State governments;

18 (ii) seventy percent (70%) of revenue shared with
19 the State governments pursuant to paragraph (i)
20 shall be shared among the State governments
21 based on population as determined by the most
22 recent census, and thirty percent (30%) of the
23 revenue shared with the State governments
24 pursuant to paragraph (i) shall be shared
25 equally among the State governments; ~~and~~

1 (iii) fifty percent (50%) of the total revenue
2 shared with the State governments pursuant to
3 paragraph (i) shall be shared with the
4 municipalities in each respective state;
5 (iv) all funds shared pursuant to paragraphs
6 (i) and (ii) shall be paid into the State
7 treasuries; and
8 (v) all funds shared pursuant to paragraph
9 (iii) shall be paid into the treasuries of the
10 municipalities;
11 (n) to establish and regulate a national public service
12 system;
13 (o) to impeach and remove the President, Vice-President,
14 and justices of the Supreme Court;
15 (p) to define national crimes and prescribe penalties,
16 having due regard for local custom and tradition;
17 (q) to override a Presidential veto by not less than a
18 2/3 vote of all the members elected from congressional
19 districts in each state followed by a ¾ vote of all the
20 members elected at large; and
21 (r) to promote education and health by setting minimum
22 standards, coordinating state activities relating to foreign
23 assistance, providing training and assistance to the states
24 and providing support for post-secondary educational programs
25 and projects."

1 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3 becoming law without such approval.

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5 Date: 9/14/26

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