

## PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

To amend Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for direct election of the President and Vice President by popular vote.

The current language of Article X, Section 1 is

“The executive power of the national government is vested in the President of the Federated States of Micronesia. He is elected by Congress for a term of four years by a majority vote of all the members. He may not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms.”

Amend Section 1 to read as follows:

“The executive power of the national government is vested in the President of the Federated States of Micronesia. He is elected by a majority vote of the people in a national general election. The President shall be elected on the same ticket with the Vice President. The President and Vice President cannot be from the same State. The President shall serve for a term of four years. He may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.”

### PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

Direct election of the President and Vice President empowers the people by guaranteeing that the President and Vice President are answerable to the people. Furthermore, it strengthens the doctrine on separation of power between the Executive Branch and the Congress.

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