

Proposal No.: CC-PR-4-39

Assigned to: Committee on General Provisions

PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

To amend Article XIII, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to prohibit any state from seceding from the nation.

Section 3. It is the solemn obligation of the national and state governments to uphold the provisions of this Constitution and to advance the principles of unity upon which this Constitution is founded. In furtherance of this spirit of unity, no state can secede or separate from this Federation.

PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

Upholding the spirit of unity as the fundamental pillar of this Federation is in the best interest of the Federated States of Micronesia. As a small island country in a big world we are better off being together as a country. These days the world order favors the forces of globalization and the building of regional alliances. Preserving unity can translate into more economic opportunities, a competitive advantage over smaller markets in the region, ensuring a stable political environment which can be attractive for increased foreign investments and other capital infusion into the economy. This proposed amendment will provide a clear, convincing, and unified message to the outside world that the FSM will remain united for years to come. It will undoubtedly strengthen our ability to engage and negotiate with our bilateral donors on any bilateral or multilateral agreements.

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