

Proposal No.: CC-PR-4-40

Assigned to: Committee on Civil Liberties and Tradition

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION**

To amend Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for dual citizenship for FSM and US citizenship.

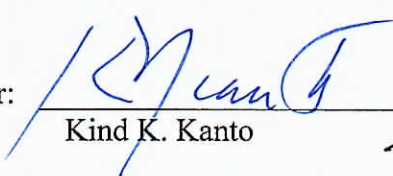
**Section 3.**

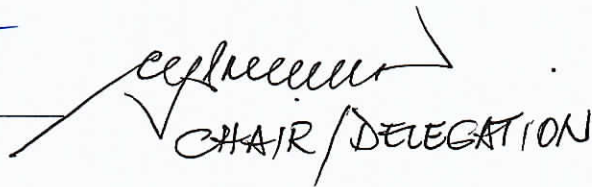
- (a) A citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia who is recognized as a citizen of another nation shall, within 3 years of his 18th birthday, or within 3 years of the effective date of this Constitution, whichever is later, register his intent to remain a citizen of the Federated States and renounce his citizenship of another nation. If he fails to comply with this Section, he becomes a national of the Federated States of Micronesia.
- (b) A citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia who is recognized as a citizen of the United States of America, unless renouncing either citizenship, remains a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia and a citizen of the United States of America.
- (c) Subsection (b) of Section 3 is retroactive.

**PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:**

This subsection should be retroactive to save those FSM citizens who were forced to lose their citizenship simply because they were not aware of, or failed to comply with the requirements of Article III, section 3 of the FSM Constitution. We are losing our citizens due to this section. It does not make sense to lose one citizenship simply for failing to renounce citizenship of another nation. A citizen should be protected and only lose his citizenship when renouncing it, not simply by failing to renounce another citizenship. At the same time, this will allow those who wish to retain their US citizenship to retain it. However, should one choose to not be a citizen of either nation, he can so choose. Citizens will enjoy the benefits they are entitled to as citizens of both nations.

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