

Proposal No.: CC-PR-4-41

Assigned to: Committee on
Civil Liberties & Tradition

PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

To amend Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to add a section to provide for the establishment of Chambers of Traditional Chiefs within the FSM and within each of the respective states and to give the chiefs their roles according to the respective traditional functions within their respective state.

Section 3. The Congress ~~may shall~~ ~~establish, when needed,~~ a Chamber of Chiefs consisting of traditional leaders within the Federated States of Micronesia on a national level providing their active traditional functional role; and from each state having such leaders, and of elected representatives from each states having no traditional leaders. The constitution of a state having traditional leaders may establish a chambers of chiefs in their respective state and provide for an active, functional role for them.

PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

While traditions of Pohnpei and Yap are currently strong and effective pertinent to recognition of the traditional leaders and their active role and function in ruling the social lives of their respective communities in their respective states, recognition of traditional leaders in Chuuk, especially Weno and the lagoon islands is fading and their roles in the social lives of the communities are very gloomy and ambiguous.

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By request of the Chuuk Delegation

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