

Proposal No.: CC-PR-4-56

Assigned to: Committee on Government Structure & Functions

PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

To amend Article X, Sections 1, 4, and 5 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for the election of the President and Vice President by popular vote.

Section 1. The executive power of the national government is vested in the President of the Federated States of Micronesia. He or she is elected ~~by Congress~~ for a term of four years ~~by a majority vote of all of the members.~~ He and may not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms. The President and Vice President shall run on a ticket, each shall be a citizen of a different state. The candidate that wins the highest percentage of votes cast determined by adding the percentage of votes won by each ticket in each state shall be declared to be the President and Vice President.

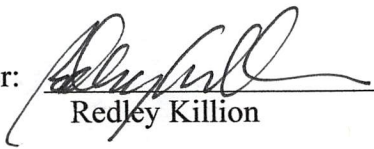
Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President unless he or she is ~~a member of Congress for a 4-year term,~~ a citizen of the Federated States by birth, at least 30 years of age on the day of election, and a resident of the Federated States of Micronesia for at least 15 years. A person who has been convicted of a felony by a court of competent jurisdiction is ineligible to be President or Vice President.

Section 5. ~~After the election of the President, the Vice President is elected in the same manner as the President, has~~ The Vice-President shall have the same qualifications as the President, and serves for the same term of office. ~~He may not be a resident of the same state. After the election of the President and Vice President, vacancies in Congress shall be declared.~~

PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

The President and Vice President should be elected directly by the people. But, in order for all four states to feel that the President is their President and to maintain the unity of the country, the President and Vice President should be elected by the support of the people in each state. This proposal provides that the President and Vice President who win the highest percentage of votes across the nation calculated by adding the percentage of votes cast in each state. Example: In an election with 3 candidates for President, votes are cast in each state, and the percentage of the vote won based on the votes cast is determined. The results are: Ticket 1 won 20% of Yap vote; 50% of Chuuk vote; 30% of Pohnpei vote; and 10% of Kosrae vote for a total of 110% (20+50+30+10). Ticket 2 won 25% of the Yap vote; 30% of the Chuuk vote; 40% of the Pohnpei vote; and 40% of the Kosrae vote for a total of 135% (25+30+40+40). Ticket 3 won 50% of the Yap vote; 20% of the Chuuk vote; 30% of the Pohnpei vote; and 50% of the Kosrae vote for a total of 150% (50+20+30+50). The winner of the election would be Ticket 3.

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