

Proposal No.: CC-PR-4-16

Assigned to: Committee on General Provisions

## PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

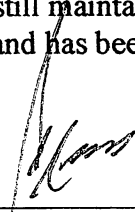
To amend Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to reduce then number of votes required to approve an amendment to the Constitution.

Section 1. An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by a constitutional convention, popular initiative, or Congress in a manner provided by law. A proposed amendment shall become a part of the Constitution when approved by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the national votes cast on that ~~amendment in each of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the states~~. If conflicting constitutional amendments submitted to the voters at the same election are approved, the amendment receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

### PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

Past experience has demonstrated that the current requirement or threshold to pass any amendment is almost impossible. This amendment should allow the wish of the majority to prevail while still maintaining the integrity of due process. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  threshold of the national vote is reasonable and has been used in other jurisdictions successfully.

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