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TITLE: To amend Article X, Sections 1, 4, 5, and 6 of the Constitution to provide for direct election of the President and

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Assigned to: Committee on Government Structure & Function

PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

To amend Article X, Sections 1, ~~4~~, 5 and 6 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for direct election of the President and Vice President.

Section 1. The executive power of the national government is vested in the President of the Federated States of Micronesia. ~~He~~ The President and Vice President shall run on a ticket and are elected by Congress for a term of four years by a plurality majority vote of the votes cast of all the members in three of the four states during a national election. He may not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms.

Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President unless ~~he is a member of Congress for a 4-year term,~~ he or she is a citizen of Micronesia by birth, at least 35 years of age on the day of the 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 same qualifications, and serves for the same term of office. He~~ The Vice President shall have the same qualifications as the President. The President and Vice President may not be a resident citizens of the same state. After the election of President and the Vice President, vacancies in Congress shall be declared.

Section 6. Primary elections shall be held in all four states to elect two pairs of candidates no less than six months before the next national election. The two pairs of candidates with the most votes in three of the four states shall be candidates.

THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

To give the voters in each state opportunity to directly elect the President and Vice President in exercising their civic duty and right as a citizen. Direct election of the President and Vice President will have the cumulative effect of strengthening unity of the people of the nation. In unity commerce and social development will thrive putting the nation on firmer footing. The President will have the political mandate directly from the people of the nation to more effectively bring about internal checks and balances at the national level.

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