

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 11-53, as amended, by amending section 8 to clarify the President's authority to set the date of the referendum on the proposed constitutional amendments, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 8 of Public Law No. 11-53, as amended by
2 Public Laws Nos. 11-66 and 12-11, is hereby further amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "Section 8. Duties of the Convention.

5 (1) The Convention shall propose amendments to the
6 Constitution. Unless the Convention, by resolution,
7 selects an earlier date, proposed amendments will be
8 placed on a ballot for a referendum to be held in March
9 2003 or, in the event that an amendment would affect the
10 general election, in a special referendum called by the
11 President of the Federated States of Micronesia for
12 December of 2002; PROVIDED, however, that in any event
13 the President may, pursuant to the provisions of chapter
14 7 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of
15 Micronesia, call the referendum for a date earlier than
16 December 2002, taking into consideration the wishes of
17 the Convention, as expressed by resolution, the
18 practicalities of scheduling and funding adequate public

1 education to enable voters to make informed choices, and
2 availability of sufficient funds for the referendum.

3 (2) Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be
4 in the format set forth in the Constitutional Amendment
5 Procedure Act title 1, section 703 of the Code of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, and any
7 regulations issued pursuant thereto.

8 (3) When said amendments have been proposed by the
9 Convention, the Convention shall notify the President of
10 the Federated States of Micronesia, who shall transmit a
11 copy of the amendments to the Congress of the Federated
12 States of Micronesia, and shall call a referendum as
13 provided by title 1, chapter 7 of the Code of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended."

15 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
16 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
17 becoming law without such approval.

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20 FEBRUARY 14, 2002

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22 /s/ Leo A. Falcam
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President
Federated States of Micronesia