

AN ACT

To amend section 203 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), to provide that as matter of evidence the renewal of FSM passports constitutes a rebuttable presumption of renunciation of dual citizenship, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Purpose. The Congress recognizes and supports
2 the prohibition on dual citizenship in the FSM. Nevertheless
3 the Congress finds that it is often burdensome for citizens to
4 show evidence that they have relinquished the foreign
5 citizenship. This becomes acute in the case of FSM passport
6 renewal where at each renewal the citizen is once again asked
7 to present evidence of renunciation of foreign citizenship.
8 This bill will create a rebuttable presumption that citizens
9 whose FSM passport has been renewed twice shall be considered
10 to have relinquished the foreign citizenship and are solely FSM
11 citizens. The presumption is subject to rebuttal by the
12 Government.

13 Section 2. Section 203 of title 7 of the Code of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended
15 to read as follows:

16 "Section 203. A citizen of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia who is recognized as a citizen of another
18 national shall, within three years of his eighteenth

1 birthday, or within three years of the effective date
2 of the Constitution, which ever is later, register
3 his intent to remain a citizen of the Federated
4 States of Micronesia with the President or his
5 designee in a manner and form prescribed by law or
6 regulation and renounce his citizenship of another
7 nation. If he fails to comply with this section, he
8 becomes a national of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia. A citizen who holds an FSM passport that
10 has been renewed twice in a row is entitled to a
11 rebuttable presumption that he has renounced the
12 citizenship of another nation and that he is solely
13 an FSM citizen."

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1 Section 3. This act shall become law with the approval of
2 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or by its
3 becoming law without such approval.

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For /s/ Yosiwo P. George
Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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