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7 A **BILL FOR AN ACT** to amend Constitutional Convention Act in order to add
8 additional proposal to amend Article XI of the Constitution by eliminating the
9 provision for acquisition of citizenship by naturalization and registration by having
10 a child of a Marshallese.

11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

12 **§101. Short title.**

13 This Act may be cited as the Constitutional Convention (Amendment) Act
14 2017.

15 **§102. Amendment.**

16 (1) Schedule 1 of the Constitutional Convention Act is hereby amended
17 as follows:

18 **Proposal:** Section 3(b) of Article XI of the Constitution is amended by
19 eliminating the provision for the acquisition of citizenship of the Republic
20 by naturalization.

21 (2) Schedule 1 of the Constitutional Conventional Act is amended as
22 follows:

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Proposal: Section 2(1)(b) of Article XI of the Constitution is amended by eliminating the provision for registration of persons as citizens where a person has been resident in the Republic for not less than 3 years, and is the parent of a child who is a citizen of the Republic.

§103. Effective date.

This Act shall be effective in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

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BILL SUMMARY

This Bill proposes to provide an additional proposal for the amendment of the Constitution through Constitutional Convention. It proposes to eliminate Section 3, paragraph (b) of Article XI of the Constitution on provision relating to naturalization of citizenship of the Marshall Islands, and Section 2(1)(b) of Article XI of the Constitution where a person has been resident in the Republic for not less than 3 years, and is the parent of a child who is a citizen of the Republic.

The bill aims to limit the class of persons who should be granted citizenship, which should be granted only to those whose parents are Marshallese or have Marshallese descent – or have land rights.

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