



*The President*  
*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 21-130  
FSM CONGRESS

October 21, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Twenty-First Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 21-50:

Congressional act no. 21-52, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-85, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-155 AND 20-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 AND 4 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPACT REVIEW AND PLANNING, AND TO CLARIFY THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF VOTES OF THE COMMITTEE AND AMENDED COMPACT PROVISIONS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo  
President

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court





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September 30, 2019

His Excellency David W. Panuelo  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



Dear President Panuelo:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 21-52, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-85, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-155 AND 20-180, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 4 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPACT REVIEW AND PLANNING, AND TO CLARIFY THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF VOTES OF THE COMMITTEE AND AMENDED COMPACT PROVISIONS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2019, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis".

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures





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TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 9 - 28, 2019

## An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-85, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-155 AND 20-180, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 4 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPACT REVIEW AND PLANNING, AND TO CLARIFY THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF VOTES OF THE COMMITTEE AND AMENDED COMPACT PROVISIONS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: FLORENCIO S. HARPER (BY REQUEST)

DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

FIRST READING: – SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

SECOND READING: – SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis".

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress





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ACT NO. 21-52

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-77, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on September 26 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2019, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-77, C.D.1

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AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 20-180, by amending sections 2 and 4 thereof, in order to allow for the appointment of a representative of the National Government as an additional member of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning, and to clarify the required number of votes of the Committee and Amended Compact provisions subject to negotiations, and for other purposes.

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

1       Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by  
2 Public Law No. 20-180, is hereby further amended to read as  
3 follows:

4               "Section 2. Establishment of the Joint Committee on  
5               Compact Review and Planning. There is hereby created  
6               and established a joint committee to be known as the  
7               Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning ("JCRP").  
8               Subject to the addition of a Chief Negotiator as  
9               described below, the JCRP shall comprise ten members as  
10              follows: one representative from each of the four  
11              States, as appointed by the President in consultation  
12              with the leadership of each State; four representatives  
13              from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
14              one from each congressional delegation, and one  
15              representative of the National Government; as appointed  
16              by the President. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs  
17              shall be a member ex officio. He shall chair the Joint

committee's first meeting, and organize the election of its Chairman and Vice Chairman. Six of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Decisions shall be made within the committee by at least six concurring votes, with each participating member casting a single vote. The JCRP shall appoint a person within the FSM State and National Governments to be the Chief Negotiator. Should the appointed Chief Negotiator be selected outside of the existing ten members, he shall become an eleventh JCRP member. If the Chief Negotiator is chosen among the existing ten members, that member shall not receive additional remuneration for the duties of Chief Negotiator."

Section 2. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 20-180, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the following responsibilities and obligations:

(1) In consultation with the President and the Congress, set goals and objectives in anticipation of the termination of the financial provisions and for negotiations of the Amended Compact of Free Association;

(2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors relating the future of the Nation;

1           (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches to  
2           enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore  
3           alternatives for the future of the Nation; provided that  
4           any contemplated or proposed negotiations with the United  
5           States related to the Amended Compact of Free Association  
6           be limited solely to the expiring terms of the Amended  
7           Compact;

8           (4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the  
9           documentation necessary to accomplish its responsibilities  
10          hereunder;

11          (5) Analyze all economic information available on the  
12          Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of identifying  
13          the FSM's continuing requirement for reasonable, fair, and  
14          effective financial assistance from all sources from the  
15          year 2023 onward;

16          (6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at each  
17          regular session, and to the Office of the President, on all  
18          developments, actual or potential, positive or negative,  
19          that may be related to the future of the Nation, including  
20          but not limited to new information, actions,  
21          communications, domestic and foreign policies, bilateral  
22          and multilateral plans, as well as periodic surveys  
23          exploring the value of net benefits to a foreign nation  
24          from an exclusive security prerogative;

25          (7) Collaborate with the State Governments, the

1 Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the Office  
2 of the President in identifying the nominees for the JCRP  
3 whose selection will be subject to Congress's expressed  
4 approval;

5 (8) Use funds for each separate category of expense only  
6 up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the  
7 corresponding expense category set out in the associated  
8 appropriations bill or bills approved by Congress, and  
9 select and hire the personnel needed to staff the  
10 Secretariat, as specified in section 6 below; and

11 (9) Conduct negotiators on the expiring terms of the  
12 Amended Compact of Free Association with the United States  
13 of America."

14 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
15 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
16 becoming law without such approval.

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24 David W. Panuelo  
25 President  
Federated States of Micronesia