
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law 21-19, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-39 and 21-74, by amending sections 5, 6, and 9 thereof, in order to provide allowances to eligible delegates to the Constitutional Convention who were members of the Pre-Convention Committee for their attendance at meetings of that Committee, to increase the number of days the Convention can be extended, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 5 of Public Law 21-19, as amended, is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 5. Pre-Convention Committee.

4 (1) There shall be a Pre-Convention Committee which
5 shall consist of two members from each state's
6 convention delegation who are selected by a majority
7 vote of that state's convention delegation. Such
8 selection shall be made no later than November 19, 2019,
9 in writing by the state's delegation to the President of
10 the Federated States of Micronesia.

11 (2) The Pre-Convention Committee shall be convened on
12 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December,
13 2019, at the call of the Speaker of the Congress of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia, and shall choose its own
15 officers and organize according to its own rules and
16 procedures.

1 (3) The duties of the Pre-Convention Committee shall
2 be as follows:

3 (a) to make arrangements for accommodations,
4 equipment and facilities; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the
5 Pre-Convention Committee shall, whenever possible,
6 arrange to utilize National Government equipment and
7 facilities;

8 (b) to make arrangements for staff;

9 (c) to prepare a budget for the Constitutional
10 Convention to be submitted to Congress in the regular or
11 special session of Congress next following;

12 (d) to confer with the various state delegations to
13 identify those issues that each delegation wishes to
14 raise at the Convention;

15 (e) to commission any research that it feels should
16 be performed on issues identified by the state
17 delegations prior to the convening of the Convention;

18 (f) to prepare proposed rules and procedures; and
19 (g) to perform other functions not otherwise reserved to
20 the Convention which will assure a successful and
21 orderly Convention.

22 (4) Members of the Pre-Convention Committee shall be
23 entitled to per diem and travel expenses at standard
24 rates, as provided by the Financial Management
25 Regulations of the National Government of the Federated

1 States of Micronesia, while on the business of the
2 Committee.

3 (5) Staff assistance for the Pre-Convention Committee
4 shall be provided as needed through the National
5 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

6 (6) The Pre-Convention Committee shall complete its
7 work in no more than fifteen calendar days.

8 (7) Members of the Pre-Convention Committee who were
9 not getting paid by the national government or a state
10 government on the days the Pre-Convention Committee held
11 its meetings shall be entitled to a daily allowance for
12 their attendance at the Pre-Convention Committee
13 meetings at a rate of \$200 per day. This subsection
14 shall be applied retroactively."

15 Section 2. Section 6 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended by
16 Public Law No. 21-74, is hereby further amended to read as
17 follows:

18 "Section 6. Procedures

19 (1) The Constitutional Convention shall be convened on
20 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January,
21 2020, and the Constitutional Convention shall continue
22 in session for no longer than thirty calendar days;
23 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Convention may:

24 (a) call recesses, including one extended recess

1 of between 3 and 30 consecutive calendar days, which
2 shall not be included in the calculation of the calendar
3 days the Constitutional Convention is in session and for
4 ~~[which]~~ a recess in excess of eight consecutive calendar
5 days, no daily allowance under section 9 shall be paid;
6 and

7 (b) extend the session, if necessary, for up to a
8 total of ~~[forty-five]~~ fifty-two calendar days.

9 (2) The President of the Federated States of
10 Micronesia, or their designee, shall act as President of
11 the Convention until the Convention selects a President
12 from among its membership. (3) The Convention shall
13 select, from among its membership, a President and such
14 additional officers as it may deem necessary and
15 appropriate.

16 (4) The Convention shall adopt its own rules and
17 procedures not inconsistent with this act. All sessions
18 of the Convention shall be open to the public."

19 (5) A quorum of the Convention shall consist of all of
20 the four state delegations. For the purpose of
21 determining a quorum, a state delegation is not present
22 unless more than one-half of the delegates from that
23 state are present."

24 Section 3. Section 9 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended, is
25 hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "Section 9. Expenses of delegates and staff.

2 (1) All delegates and staff of the Convention shall be
3 entitled to per diem and travel expenses at standard rates,
4 as provided by the Financial Management Regulations of the
5 National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,
6 while on the business of the Convention.

7 (2) Any delegate who is an official or employee of
8 the National Government of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia shall be placed on administrative leave with
10 pay and shall be entitled to receive their regular
11 salary during their service as delegate.

12 (3) Delegates who are not getting paid by the
13 national government or a state government during the
14 session for the Constitutional Convention or during a
15 committee work day of the Convention shall be entitled
16 to a daily allowance for their attendance during the
17 session or at a meeting of a Standing Committee of the
18 Convention held on a committee work day of the
19 Constitutional Convention at a rate of \$200 per day. A
20 delegate who is an official or employee of the national
21 government or a state government who is on
22 administrative leave with pay shall be entitled to a
23 daily allowance for their attendance of a session of the
24 Convention or of a meeting of a Standing Committee that
25 is held on a Saturday, Sunday, or national holiday at a

