A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend chapter 2 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, by adding a new section 203 for the purpose of defining the place of sessions, defining extraordinary circumstances which permit holding session remotely, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new section 203, to read as follows:

“Section 203. Place of Sessions.

(1) The Congress shall meet at a place in the State of Pohnpei, designated by the Speaker, or in such State of the Federated States of Micronesia as the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall by resolution determine, at a place designated by Speaker. In Extraordinary Circumstances, which prevents members of Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia from meeting in the same locale, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia may meet remotely by whatever means available with members in different locations.

(2) “Extraordinary Circumstances” for the purposes of this section shall mean a global pandemic, unforeseen global environmental event, or man-made catastrophic
disaster which requires immediate attention to avoid or mitigate major loss of life, or any event which makes it impossible to meet in person."

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

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