

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law 21-19, as amended by Public Law No. 21-39, by amending sections 6 and 9 thereof, in order to clarify the allowable recesses to be called by the Constitutional Convention, to provide allowances to eligible delegates to the Constitutional Convention for their attendance during session, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 6 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended, is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 6. Procedures.

4 (1) The Constitutional Convention shall be convened on
5 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January,
6 2020, and the Constitutional Convention shall continue in
7 session for no longer than thirty calendar days;

8 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Convention may:

9 (a) call recesses, including one extended recess of
10 between 3 and 30 consecutive calendar days, which shall
11 not be included in the calculation of the calendar days
12 the Constitutional Convention is in session and for which
13 no daily allowance under section 9 shall be paid; and

14 (b) extend the session, if necessary, for up to a
15 total of forty-five calendar days.

16 (2) The President of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia, or their designee, shall act as President of
18 the Convention until the Convention selects a President

1 from among its membership.

2 (3) The Convention shall select, from among its
3 membership, a President and such additional officers as
4 it may deem necessary and appropriate.

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

8 (5) A quorum of the Convention shall consist of all of
9 the four state delegations. For the purpose of
10 determining a quorum, a state delegation is not present
11 unless more than one-half of the delegates from that
12 state are present."

13 Section 2. Section 9 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended, is
14 hereby amended to read as follows:

15 "Section 9. Expenses of delegates and staff.

16 (1) All delegates and staff of the Convention shall be
17 entitled to per diem and travel expenses at standard rates,
18 as provided by the Financial Management Regulations of the
19 National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,
20 while on the business of the Convention.

21 (2) Any delegate who is an official or employee of the
22 National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
23 shall be placed on administrative leave with pay and shall be
24 entitled to receive their regular salary during their service
25 as delegate.

1 (3) Delegates who are not getting paid by the national
2 government or a state government during the session for the
3 Constitutional Convention shall be entitled to a daily
4 allowance for their attendance during the session of the
5 Constitutional Convention at a rate of \$200 per day."

6 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by
7 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
8 becoming law without such approval.

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/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo
President
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