May 04, 2020

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 congressional act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 21-109:

Congressional Act No. 21-117, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-19, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-39 AND 21-74, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ALLOW A RECESS TO BE CALLED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I wish to thank the 21st FSM Congress for the passage of this act, which gives the necessary flexibility to the Constitutional Convention in light of the persisting COVID pandemic.

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo
President

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
April 29, 2020

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. 21-117, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW 21-19, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-39 AND 21-74, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ALLOW A RECESS TO BE CALLED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures
An Act

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL

DATE: MARCH 10, 2020

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
WITHDRAWN – MARCH 10, 2020
FIRST READING: – MARCH 10, 2020
SECOND READING: – APRIL 21, 2020
ACT NO. 21-117

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-175)

We hereby certify that on April 21 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2020, 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
AN ACT

To further amend Public Law 21-19, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-39 and 21-74, by amending section 6 thereof, in order to allow a recess to be called by the Constitutional Convention for up to three months due to the coronavirus emergency, and for other purposes.

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

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

"Section 6. Procedures

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

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

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

(c) The Congressional Convention may call an
additional recess of up to three months, which shall
not be included in the calculation of the calendar
days the Constitutional Convention is in session and
for which no daily allowance under section 9 shall be
paid, due to the coronavirus emergency.

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

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

(5) A quorum of the Convention shall consist of
all of the four state delegations. For the purpose of
determining a quorum, a state delegation is not
present unless more than one-half of the delegates
from that state are present."
Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

May 34th, 2020

David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia