August 27, 2020

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

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am transmitting the following Congressional Act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 21-170:

Congressional Act No. 21-157, entitled: "TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 224C OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO CLARIFY THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC AUDITOR’S OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
August 24, 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. 21-157, "AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 224C OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO CLARIFY THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC AUDITOR'S OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was repassed on August 21, by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2020, by a three-fourths vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures
An Act

TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 224C OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO CLARIFY THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC AUDITOR'S OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: JUNE 30, 2020

REPASS: – AUGUST 21, 2020

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 21-157

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-235)

I hereby certify that on August 21 the foregoing act was repassed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2020, by a three-fourths vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 2(q), of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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

To create a new section 224C of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, to clarify the procurement process of the Judicial and Legislative branches of the national government and of the National Public Auditor’s Office with respect to computer equipment, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby amended by creating a new section 224C to read as follows:

"Section 224C. Procurement of Computer Equipment.

(1) Custody of Used Computer Equipment. To protect the confidentiality of data therein, the Judicial and Legislative branches of the national government and the National Public Auditor’s Office shall have the option of retaining the custody of used or inoperative computer equipment, instead of turning such assets over to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of procurement or replacement. The branches of government exercising that option shall so notify the Secretary and institute internal policies and procedures to account for and protect such assets.

(2) Choice of Equipment. The Judicial and Legislative branches shall have the full discretion to choose the computer equipment to procure."
(3) For the purpose of this section "computer equipment" shall mean computer, laptop, monitor, printer, server, equipment including smartphones, and any equipment normally associated with a computer system."

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

__________________________, 2020

Override 8/21/20

David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia