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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 21-19, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109 and 21-154, by amending section 6 thereof, to exclude Sundays from the definition of consecutive calendar days, to allow for up to three recess days between when the Convention reconvenes following the coronavirus emergency and before adjourning sine die, 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 BY  
2 Public Law Nos. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109 and 21-154, is hereby further  
3 amended to read as follows:

4           "Section 6. Procedures.

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

9           PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Convention may:

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

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

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1                   (c) The Constitutional Convention may call an  
2 additional recess of up to three months, which shall not  
3 be included in the calculation of the calendar days the  
4 Constitutional Convention is in session and for which no  
5 daily allowance under section 9 shall be paid, due to the  
6 coronavirus emergency. The extended recess of three  
7 months due to the coronavirus emergency will be resumed  
8 at the call of the President of the Constitutional  
9 Convention, no later than 3 months after the coronavirus  
10 emergency declaration is revoked. After such recess, the  
11 Convention shall continue the remaining session days of  
12 the Convention in consecutive calendar days, excluding  
13 Sundays. The Convention may call for a recess or  
14 recesses that total no more than three calendar days when  
15 it reconvenes after the coronavirus emergency and before  
16 it recesses sine die. Delegates shall not be entitled to  
17 any allowance, as prescribed under section 9, during the  
18 coronavirus emergency recess.

19                   (2) The President of the Federated States of  
20 Micronesia, or their designee, shall act as President of  
21 the Convention until the Convention selects a President  
22 from among its membership.

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

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

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

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

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13 Date: 11/12/21

Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina  
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