
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, 21-154 and 22-66, by amending section 6 thereof, to allow the Constitutional Convention to convene either in person or virtually, or by a combination of both in person and virtual meeting, during the COVID-19 pandemic period, 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. 21-74, 21-109, 21-154 and 22-66, 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
8 in session for no longer than thirty calendar days;
9 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Convention may:

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

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

17 (c) The Constitutional Convention may call an
18 additional recess until the coronavirus emergency

1 declaration is revoked, which shall not be included in
2 the calculation of the calendar days that the
3 Constitutional Convention is in session and for which no
4 daily allowance under section 9 shall be paid. The
5 extended recess due to the coronavirus emergency [~~will~~
6 ~~be resumed~~] shall end at the call of the President of
7 the Constitutional Convention, calling for either, in
8 person, or virtual meeting, or a combination of both in
9 person and virtual meeting, but no later than 3 months
10 after and not until the coronavirus emergency
11 declaration is revoked. [~~, or virtually, at any time~~
12 ~~during the coronavirus emergency but no later than 3~~
13 ~~months after the coronavirus emergency declaration is~~
14 ~~revoked.~~] After such recess, the Convention shall
15 continue the remaining session days of the Convention in
16 consecutive calendar days, excluding Sundays. The
17 Convention may call for a recess or recesses that total
18 no more than three calendar days when it reconvenes
19 after the coronavirus emergency and before it recesses
20 sine die. Delegates shall not be entitled to any
21 allowance, as prescribed under section 9, during the
22 coronavirus emergency recess.

23 (2) The President of the Federated States of

1 Micronesia, or their designee, shall act as President of
2 the Convention until the Convention selects a President
3 from among its membership.

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

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

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

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

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5 Date: 3/23/22

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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