

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 clarify that the Constitutional Convention shall only reconvene in-person after the emergency declaration; or may reconvene virtually at any time, if during the emergency declaration, 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
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;

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

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

25 (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
11 all 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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December 15th, 2021

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/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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