A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law 21-19, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-39 and 21-74, by amending section 4, to give in case of death or disability the President of the FSM appointing authority to fill a vacancy in any state’s convention delegation after consultation with the Governor of the State in which the vacancy occurs, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 4. Vacancies.

(1) Vacancies in any state’s convention delegation shall be filled by the relevant candidate receiving the next highest number of votes in the state’s delegate election. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates for the next highest number of votes, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor from among the tied candidates. Any vacancy of a delegate who was unopposed in the delegate election shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.

(2) In case of vacancies after the convention has convened due to death or disability of a delegate the President of the FSM shall have the authority to fill a vacancy in any state’s convention delegation, after consultation with the Governor of the State in which the vacancy occurs.
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.

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