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:

Section 1. Section 6 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended BY
Public Law Nos. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109 and 21-154, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 6. Procedures.

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

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Convention may:

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

(b) extend the session, if necessary, for up
to a total of forty-five calendar days; and
(c) The Constitutional Convention may call an additional recess of up to three months, which shall not be included in the calculation of the calendar days the Constitutional Convention is in session and for which no daily allowance under section 9 shall be paid, due to the coronavirus emergency. The extended recess of three months due to the coronavirus emergency will be resumed at the call of the President of the Constitutional Convention, no later than 3 months after the coronavirus emergency declaration is revoked. After such recess, the Convention shall continue the remaining session days of the Convention in consecutive calendar days, excluding Sundays. The Convention may call for a recess or recesses that total no more than three calendar days when it reconvenes after the coronavirus emergency and before it recesses sine die. Delegates shall not be entitled to any allowance, as prescribed under section 9, during the coronavirus emergency recess.

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

(3) The Convention shall select, from among its membership, a President and such additional officers as it may deem necessary and appropriate.
(4) The Convention shall adopt its own rules and procedures not inconsistent with this act. All sessions of the Convention shall be open to the public.

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

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.

Date: 11/12/21  Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina

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