

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 21-19, as amended by Public Law Nos. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109, 21-154 and 22-66, by amending section 6 thereof, to allow the Constitutional Convention to convene whether in person or virtually during the pandemic period, or by any combination of both in person and virtual meeting, 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, 21-154 and 22-66, is hereby  
3 further 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 no longer than thirty calendar days;  
9 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Convention may:  
10 call recesses, including one extended recess of between  
11 3 and 30 consecutive calendar days, which shall not be  
12 included in the calculation of the calendar days the  
13 Constitutional Convention is in session and for which no  
14 daily allowance under section 9 shall be paid;

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

17           (b) 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 shall  
6 end at the call of the President of the Constitutional  
7 Convention, calling for either in person or virtual  
8 meeting, or by any combination of both in person and  
9 virtual meeting, but no later than 3 months after the  
10 coronavirus emergency declaration is revoked. After  
11 such recess, the Convention shall continue the remaining  
12 session days of the Convention in consecutive calendar  
13 days, excluding Sundays. The Convention may call for a  
14 recess or recesses that total no more than three  
15 calendar days when it reconvenes after the coronavirus  
16 emergency and before it recesses sine die. Delegates  
17 shall not be entitled to any allowance, as prescribed  
18 under section 9, during the coronavirus emergency  
19 recess.

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

1           (3) The Convention shall select, from among its  
2 membership, a President and such additional officers as  
3 it may seem necessary and appropriate.

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

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

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

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April 8th, 2022

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