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:

Section 1. Section 6 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended by Public Law Nos. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109, 21-154 and 22-66, 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 no longer than thirty calendar days;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Convention may:

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;

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

(b) The Constitutional Convention may call an additional recess until the coronavirus emergency
declaration is revoked, which shall not be included in
the calculation of the calendar days that the
Constitutional Convention is in session and for which no
daily allowance under section 9 shall be paid. The
extended recess due to the coronavirus emergency shall
end at the call of the President of the Constitutional
Convention, calling for either in person or virtual
meeting, or by any combination of both in person and
virtual meeting, but 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 the
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 seem 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 the four states. 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 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

April 8th, 2022

/s/ David W. Panuelo
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President
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