A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 6-24 by amending sections 5 and 6 for the purpose of requiring a three-fourths affirmative vote of all of the four State delegations on final reading and deleting the budget preparation by the Pre-Convention Committee, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 5 of Public Law No. 6-24 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. Pre-Convention Committee.

(1) There shall be a Pre-Convention Committee which shall consist of two members from each State who are selected by a majority vote of that State's delegation. Such selection shall be made no later than March 19, 1990, and shall be made in writing by the State's delegation to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(2) The Pre-Convention Committee shall choose its own officers and shall organize according to its own rules and procedures.

(3) The duties of the Pre-Convention Committee shall be as follows:

(a) To make arrangements for accommodations, equipment and facilities; PROVIDED, however, that the Pre-Convention Committee shall whenever possible arrange to utilize National Government equipment and facilities;

(b) To make arrangements for staff; PROVIDED, however, that each State delegation to the Convention shall be permitted to bring no more than two technical staff to assist their respective delegations and the Convention;

(c) To present a budget for the Constitutional Convention to be submitted to Congress in the fry session of 1990;

(d) To confer with the various State delegations to
identify those issues that each delegation wishes to raise

at the Convention;

(dd) To commission any research that it feels should

be performed on issues identified by the State delegations

prior to the convening of the Convention;

(ef) To specify a date for convening the

Convention;

(gf) To prepare proposed rules and procedures; and

(hg) To perform other functions not otherwise

reserved to the Convention which will assure a successful

and orderly Convention.

(4) Members and staff of the Pre-Convention Committee

shall be entitled to per diem and travel expenses at

standard rates, as provided by the Financial Management

Regulations of the National Government of the Federated

States of Micronesia, while on the business of the

Committee.

(5) Staff assistance for the Pre-Convention Committee

shall be provided as needed through the National Government

of the Federated States of Micronesia, unless otherwise

provided by State delegations.

(6) The Pre-Convention Committee shall complete its

work in no more than 15 calendar days."

Section 2. Section 6 of Public Law No. 6-24 is hereby amended

to read as follows:
"Section 6. Procedures.

(1) The Constitutional Convention shall convene in Palikir, Pohnpei State, at the National Capital in July of 1990 and shall continue in session there for not longer than 30 calendar days, PROVIDED, however:

(a) That the Convention may call recesses; and

(b) May extend the session if necessary for up to a total of 45 calendar days.

(2) The President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall act as President of the Convention until the Convention shall select 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 of procedure not inconsistent with this act; PROVIDED, however, that no amendment to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be proposed by the Convention unless the proposed amendment shall have passed two readings on separate days, a quorum being present. To pass first reading the affirmative votes of not less than three-fourths of all of the delegates shall be required. On final reading the state delegations shall be required
affirmative votes of three-fourths of the State delegations
shall be required.

(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 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming
law without such approval.

Date: 11-17-89

Introduced by: [Signature]

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