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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:

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

3 "Section 5. Pre-Convention Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (c) *To prepare a budget for the Constitutional Convention*
24 *to be submitted to Congress in the May session of 1990;*

25 (d) To confer with the various State delegations to

1 identify those issues that each delegation wishes to raise
2 at the Convention;

3 (ed) To commission any research that it feels should
4 be performed on issues identified by the State delegations
5 prior to the convening of the Convention;

6 (fe) To specify a date for convening the
7 Convention;

8 (gf) To prepare proposed rules and procedures; and

9 (hg) To perform other functions not otherwise
10 reserved to the Convention which will assure a successful
11 and orderly Convention.

12 (4) Members and staff of the Pre-Convention Committee
13 shall be entitled to per diem and travel expenses at
14 standard rates, as provided by the Financial Management
15 Regulations of the National Government of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia, while on the business of the
17 Committee.

18 (5) Staff assistance for the Pre-Convention Committee
19 shall be provided as needed through the National Government
20 of the Federated States of Micronesia, unless otherwise
21 provided by State delegations.

22 (6) The Pre-Convention Committee shall complete its
23 work in no more than 15 calendar days."

24 Section 2. Section 6 of Public Law No. 6-24 is hereby amended
25 to read as follows:

1 "Section 6. Procedures.

2 (1) The Constitutional Convention shall convene in
3 Palikir, Pohnpei State, at the National Capital in July of
4 1990 and shall continue in session there for not longer
5 than 30 calendar days, PROVIDED, however:

6 (a) That the Convention may call recesses; and

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

9 (2) The President of the Federated States of
10 Micronesia shall act as President of the Convention until
11 the Convention shall select a President from among its
12 membership.

13 (3) The Convention shall select, from among its
14 membership, a President and such additional officers as it
15 may deem necessary and appropriate.

16 (4) The Convention shall adopt its own rules of
17 procedure not inconsistent with this act; PROVIDED,
18 however, that no amendment to the Constitution of the
19 Federated States of Micronesia shall be proposed by the
20 Convention unless the proposed amendment shall have passed
21 two readings on separate days, a quorum being present. To
22 pass first reading the affirmative votes of not less than
23 three-fourths of all of the delegates shall be required.
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1 affirmative votes of three-fourths of the State delegations
2 shall be required.

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

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

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12 Date: 11-17-89

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