
A BILL FOR 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, 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
6 convenient on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
7 January, 2020, and the Constitutional Convention shall
8 continue 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 [~~will~~
6 ~~be resumed~~] shall end at the call of the President of
7 the Constitutional Convention, calling for either in
8 person or virtual meeting, but no later than 3 months
9 after the coronavirus emergency declaration is revoked.
10 [~~or virtually, at any time during the coronavirus~~
11 ~~emergency but no later than 3 months after the~~
12 ~~coronavirus emergency declaration is revoked.~~] After
13 such recess, the Convention shall continue the remaining
14 session days of the Convention in consecutive calendar
15 days, excluding Sundays. The Convention may call for a
16 recess or recesses that total no more than three
17 calendar days when it reconvenes after the coronavirus
18 emergency and before it recesses sine die. Delegates
19 shall not be entitled to any allowance, as prescribed
20 under section 9, during the coronavirus emergency
21 recess.

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

