

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 8 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109 and 21-154, in order to clarify the authority of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to designate a suitable national election, when regular or special, during which proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be placed on a ballot, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 8 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended by  
2 Public Law No. 21-154, is hereby further amended to read as  
3 follows:

4           "Section 8. Duties of the Convention.

5           (1) The Convention shall propose amendments to the  
6 Constitution to be placed on a ballot to be held at the  
7 next National Election or in a special election called by  
8 the President in the same fiscal year as the next National  
9 Election after the Constitutional Convention adjourns sine  
10 die[; ~~PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in the event that an~~  
11 ~~amendment would affect the general election, the amendment~~  
12 ~~or amendments shall be voted on in a special referendum~~  
13 ~~called by the President of the Federated States of~~  
14 ~~Micronesia no later than three months preceding a general~~  
15 ~~National Election].~~

16           (2) Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be in  
17 the format set forth in the Constitutional Amendment  
18 Procedure Act, title 1, section 703 of the Code of the

1 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended,  
2 and any regulations issued pursuant thereto.

3 (3) When said amendments have been proposed by the  
4 Convention, the Convention shall notify the President of  
5 the Federated States of Micronesia, who shall transmit a  
6 copy of the amendments to the Congress of the Federated  
7 States of Micronesia, and shall call a referendum as  
8 provided by title 1, chapter 7 of the Code of the  
9 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended.”

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

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14 Date: 01/18/2023

Introduced by: /s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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(by request)

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