

October 26, 1976

REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
BY THE MINORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PERSONAL RIGHTS AND
NATURAL RESOURCES VOTING ON THE MATTER
OF RECONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATION ON INITIATIVE

Subject: Reconsideration of Committee Recommendation No. 3:
Initiative

The members of the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources who are opposed to the majority report believe that an initiative petition on Commonwealth-wide matters should be signed by at least twenty percent of the qualified voters in two of the three chartered municipalities.

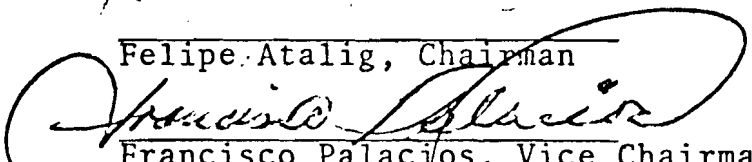
These members recommend this provision because it puts the initiative on the same footing as legislation originated in the legislature. In the legislature, if two of the municipalities disagree with proposed legislation, it can be blocked in the upper house. Similarly, under the Committee's revised language, if the petition is not supported by twenty percent of the voters in two of the municipalities, it cannot be put on the ballot. These members of the Committee believe the proposal that would require the petition to be signed by twenty percent of the voters in each of the three municipalities should be rejected because it would increase the burden on the people in using the initiative and would permit only one municipality to prevent a measure from being put on the ballot. These members believe that permitting two of the three municipalities to prevent measures from being put in the ballot is a fair compromise.

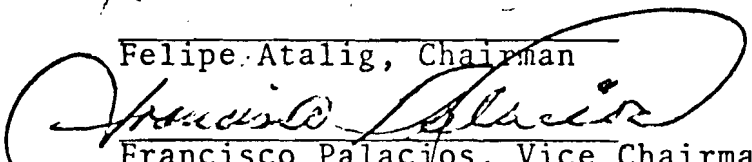
These Committee members are in agreement with the modification of Section 1(a) to make clear that legislation on local matters (to the extent permitted by the local government article) can be initiated by a petition signed by twenty percent of the voters in that locality.

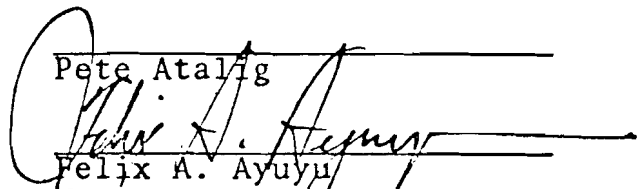
These Committee members are also in agreement with the recommendation that the proposed language in Sections 1(b)(c) and (d) remain unchanged.

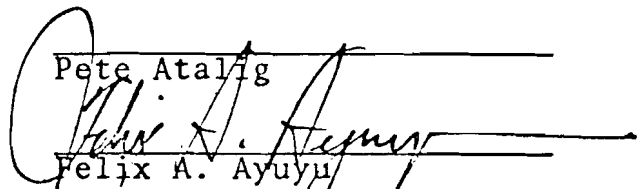
The proposed Constitutional provision with respect to initiative supported by these Committee members is attached and these Committee members recommend that it be adopted in principle by the Committee of the Whole.

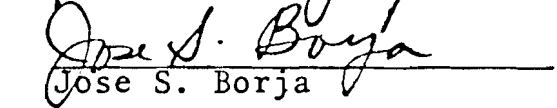
Respectfully submitted by
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INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

Section 1: Initiative. The people may enact laws by initiative.

a) An initiative petition shall contain the full text of the proposed law and shall be signed by at least twenty (20) percent of the total number of voters qualified to vote on the proposed law and if the petition proposes a general law that affects each chartered municipality the petition shall be signed by at least twenty (20) percent of the qualified voters in each of two of the chartered municipalities.

b) Initiative petitions shall be filed with the Attorney General for certification that the requirements of Section 1(a) have been met.

c) Initiative petitions certified by the Attorney General shall be submitted to the voters at the next regular general election.

d) An initiative petition submitted to the voters shall become law if approved by a majority of the votes cast, and shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of the election unless the initiative petition itself otherwise provides.

Section 2: Referendum

(See separate Committee report.)

Section 3: Recall

(See separate Committee report.)

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A majority of the Committee members voting, both in person and by proxy, at the time the Committee reconsidered its proposed constitutional provisions with respect to initiative support an amendment of the proposed language of Section 1(a) to provide that an initiative petition must be signed by at least twenty percent of the qualified voters of each of the three chartered municipalities in order for the initiative proposal to be put on the ballot.

These Committee members believe that the initiative is an alternative to passage of legislation in the legislature and might be used if the smaller municipalities blocked legislation by means of their votes in the upper house of the legislature. For this reason, these members recommend that an initiative petition be required to obtain support in each of the three municipalities and that any municipality be permitted to block an initiative proposal and prevent it from being put on the ballot. These Committee members believe that this requirement ensures the participation of the voters on Rota and Pinian in this means of

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enacting legislation and that this protection is necessary for the fair use of the legislative power by the people.

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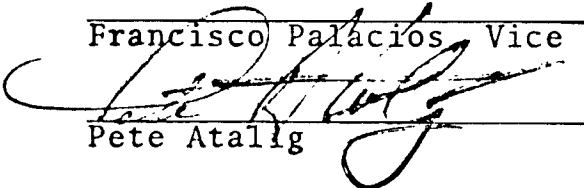
These Committee members recommend no change in sections 1(b)(c) and (d).

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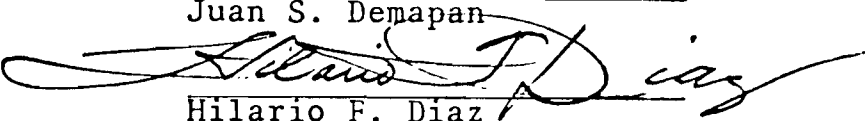
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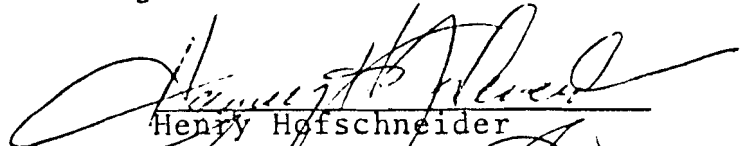
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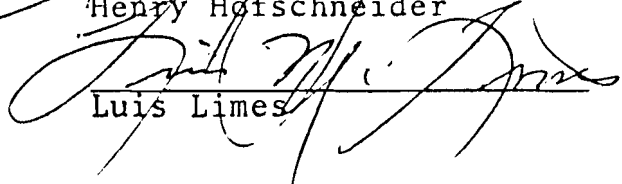
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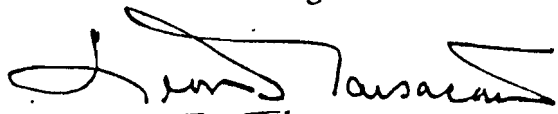
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