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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5a)

It is proposed that article XI, section 5 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Fundamental Policies: The Marianas Public Land Corporation shall follow certain fundamental policies in the performance of its responsibilities.

a) The Corporation shall make available some portion of the public lands for a homestead program. No person shall be eligible for more than one ~~agricultural~~ and one ~~village~~ homestead. No person shall receive title to a homestead for five years after the grant of a homestead or shall be able to transfer title to a homestead within ten years of receipt thereof provided, however, that these requirements shall be waived for persons who have established a continuous residence on public lands for at least ~~20~~ fifteen years as of the effective date of this Constitution. Other requirements for eligibility for the homestead program and the nature of the interest in land to be transferred by the Corporation shall be as provided by law.

Offered by,

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