

Amendment No. 81

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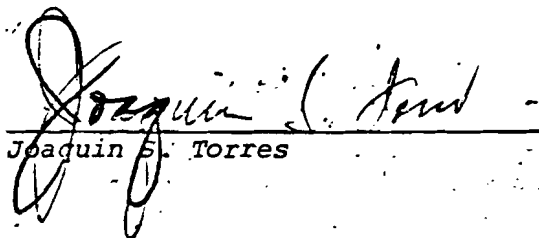
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5(a)

It is proposed that article XI, section 5(a) 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 three 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 in public lands for at least 20 years as of the effective date of this Constitution. At any time after receiving the grant of a homestead, the grantee may mortgage that homestead provided that all funds received from the mortgage be devoted to the improvement of the homestead. 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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