

Amendment No. 85

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II

It is proposed that article II of the draft Constitution be amended to add a new section to read as follows:

Section 16: Confirmation Commission. The legislature shall establish a confirmation commission to accept or reject by a majority vote of its members any appointment for which advice and consent of the legislature is required by this Constitution or by law. The commission shall be composed of nine members, three from the senate including one from each of the three senatorial districts established under section 2(a) of this article selected by the members of the senate from each senatorial district, and six from the house of representatives including four from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, one from Rota and one from Tinian and Aguigan all selected according to the rules of that house. The size of the commission shall be changed to eleven members when the islands north of Saipan qualify as a senatorial district under section 2(b) of this article, with one additional member to be a senator from the islands north of Saipan selected by the members of the senate from that senatorial district and the other member to be an additional member of the house of representatives from Saipan selected according to the rules of that house.