

JUNE 18 - July 17, 1985

## A DELEGATE PROPOSAL

Proposing a Constitutional amendment to limit the budget of the legislative branch to no more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) each fiscal year and for other purposes.

1           Section 1. Short Title. This delegate proposal may be cited as the  
2 Legislative Budget Amendment.

3           Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this delegate proposal is to amend  
4 the Constitution in order to limit the budget of the Legislative Branch of  
5 the Commonwealth Government.

6           Section 3. Constitutional Amendment Proposed. Upon approval by the  
7 affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Convention the  
8 following question shall be presented in the English, Chamorro, and  
9 Carolinian languages to the voters for approval at the November 1985  
10 election:

11           "Do you approve the following amendment to the  
12 Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern  
13 Mariana Islands, as proposed by the 1985  
14 Constitutional Convention? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
15 To add a new Section 16 to Article II of the  
16 Commonwealth Constitution:

17           Section 16. Budget Ceiling.

18           (a) The budget of the Legislative Branch  
19 shall not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000)  
20 for each fiscal year.

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1 (b) The budget of the Legislative Branch shall  
2 not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
3 between October 1 and the second Monday in January in  
4 a fiscal year in which there is a general election.

5 (c) The amounts stated in Section 16(a) and  
6 (b) shall be adjusted for each fiscal year by a  
7 percentage which will be the same as the percentage  
8 change in the United States Department of Commerce  
9 composite price index using the beginning of Fiscal  
10 Year 1986 as the base."

11 Section 4. Effective Date. The Constitutional amendment proposed by  
12 Section 3 of this delegate proposal shall take effect on January 13, 1986  
13 following its approval at the next general election.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_