

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985  
SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 2-85

A PROPOSAL

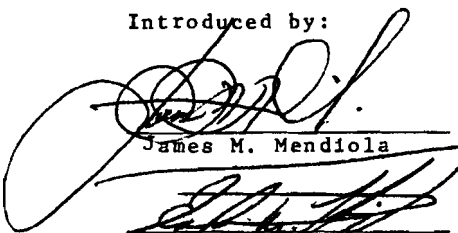
To amend Section 2 a) of Article VI to the  
Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands  
to restrict eligibility of mayor to persons  
of Northern Marianas Descent.

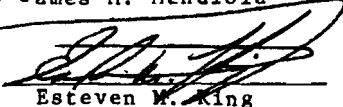
BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1           Section 1. Section 2 a) of Article VI of  
2   the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands  
3   is hereby amended to read as follows:  
4           Section 2. A mayor shall be qualified to vote  
5   in the Commonwealth, a person of Northern Marianas  
6   Descent, at least twenty-five years of age, a resi-  
7   dent and domiciliary of the Commonwealth for at  
8   least three years immediately preceding the date  
9   on which the mayor takes office, and shall meet  
10   other qualification provided by law. No person  
11   convicted of a felony in the Commonwealth or in an  
12   area under the jurisdiction of the United States  
13   may be eligible for this office unless a full pardon  
14   has been granted.

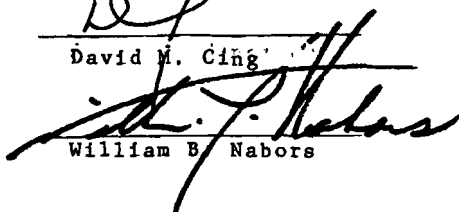
Introduced by:

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A RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE TO  
EXTEND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL  
TEN (10) DAY PERIOD.

1 WHEREAS, under Public Law No. 4-30, the Constitutional Convention was only  
2 allocated thirty (30) calendar days to complete its work on the Constitution; and

3 WHEREAS, while some of the 315 proposals introduced to amend the Constitution  
4 are duplicates or matters of legislative concern, additional time is needed to  
5 fully discuss the more substantive proposals; and

6 WHEREAS, since this our Second Constitutional Convention, every effort should  
7 be made to ensure that another Constitutional Convention will not be required for  
8 at least another decade; and

9 WHEREAS, with the shortage of funds, available to the Convention it is not  
10 possible to hire independent legal staff or experienced research staff personnel  
11 sufficient to assist in carrying out our responsibilities efficiently and  
12 expeditiously within the time frame allowed under Public Law No 4-30; and

13 WHEREAS, extension of the life of the Convention will necessitate additional  
14 funding to cover the costs of the Convention's work in an amount at least proportional  
15 to funding originally provided to the Convention; now, therefore

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Second Constitutional Convention that the  
17 Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature be and hereby requested to extend  
18 the life of the Convention for an additional ten (10) days and provided supplemental  
19 funding proportional to the funding provided for the initial ten (10) days; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Convention shall certify and  
21 the Convention Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and transmit  
22 copies thereof to the speaker of the House and President of the Senate, Fourth Common-  
23 wealth Legislature

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25 Date: July 14, 1985

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27 Offered by : Committee of the Whole

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