

A PROPOSAL

To delete Section 16 from Article III in its entirety and to add a new Article \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Northern Marianas Constitution.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 16 of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution  
2 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

3 Section 2. A new Article \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby added to the Northern Marianas  
4 Constitution and to read as follows:

5 "Article \_\_\_\_\_.

6 "Section 1: Civil Service. The legislature shall provide for  
7 non-partisan and independent civil service commission with the duty to establish  
8 and administer personnel policies for the Commonwealth, and its agencies and  
9 instrumentalities. The commissioner's authority shall extend to positions other  
10 than those filled by election or by appointment of the governor in the departments  
11 and agencies of the executive branch and in the administrative staffs of the  
12 legislative and judicial branches. The commission shall be the only authority to  
13 exempt positions from the civil service coverage. Appointment and promotion within  
14 the civil service shall be based on merit and fitness demonstrated by examination  
15 or by other evidence of competence."

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