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A PROPOSAL

TO AMEND SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE III OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANAS CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE PERIODIC REVIEW  
AND EVALUATION OF ALL AUTONOMOUS AND SEMI-AUTONOMOUS  
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 15 of Article III of the Constitution of  
2 the Northern Mariana Islands is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 Section 2. Executive branch offices, agencies, and instrumen-  
5 talities of the Commonwealth government and their respective  
6 functions and duties shall be allocated by law among and within  
7 not more than ~~fifteen~~ thirteen(13) principal departments so as to  
8 group them so far as practicable according to major purposes.  
9 Regulatory, quasi-judicial and temporary agencies need not be a  
10 part of a principal department.. The functions and duties of the  
11 principal department and of other agencies of the Commonwealth shall  
12 be provided by law. The legislature may reallocate offices,  
13 agencies, and instrumentalities among the principal departments and  
14 may change their functions and duties. The governor may make changes  
15 in the allocation of offices, agencies, and instrumentalities and  
16 in their functions and duties that are necessary for efficient  
17 administration. If these changes affect existing law, they shall  
18 be set forth in executive orders which shall be submitted to the  
19 legislature and shall become effective sixty days after submission,  
20 unless specifically modified or disapproved by a majority of the  
21 members of each house. In addition, all autonomous and semi-autono-

1 mous government entities established by law or by executive  
2 orders, either singly or in combination thereof, shall be  
3 subject to periodic review, evaluation, and possible termina-  
4 tion after the first five to seven years of existence unless  
5 renewed by law or by executive order. Such government entities  
6 shall include, but not limited to, regulatory commissions, inde-  
7 pendent agencies, public corporations, and all others to be  
8 determined by the legislature, which shall prescribe guidelines  
9 to implement this provision two years after its ratification  
10 in a general election.

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