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A PROPOSAL

To amend Section 1(a) of Article IX; to delete Section 1(c) of Article IX in its entirety; and to amend Section 1(d) of Article IX of the Northern Marianas Constitution.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 1(a) of Article IX of the Northern Marianas Constitution  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 1: Initiative.

4 "a) An initiative petition shall contain the full text of the  
5 proposed law. If the petition proposes a general law for the  
6 Commonwealth, the petition shall be signed by at least ~~twenty~~  
7 seventy percent of the persons qualified to vote in the Commonwealth.

8 If the petition proposes a local law that affects only one senatorial  
9 district, the petition shall be signed by at least ~~twenty~~ seventy  
10 percent of the persons from the senatorial district who are qualified  
11 to vote."

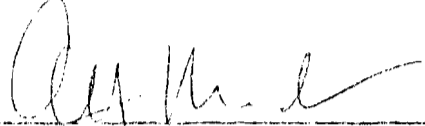
12 Section 2. Section 1(c) of Article IX of the Northern Marianas Constitution  
13 is deleted in its entirety.

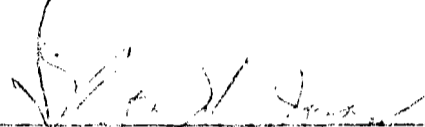
14 Section 3. Section 1(d) of Article IX of the Northern Marianas Constitution  
15 is hereby amended to read as follows:


16 "d) An initiative petition that proposes a general law for the  
17 Commonwealth shall become law if ~~approved~~ signed by ~~approved~~ seventy percent  
18 of <sup>those</sup> ~~the~~ ~~votes~~ ~~cast~~ ~~by~~ qualified to vote in the Commonwealth. An initiative  
19 petition that proposes a local law shall become law if ~~approved~~ signed by  
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1 ~~XXXXXX~~ seventy percent of the persons from the senatorial district who are  
2 qualified to vote. An initiative petition that has been ~~approved~~ signed by the  
3 voters shall take effect thirty days after ~~the date of the election~~ certification  
4 by the attorney general unless the petition provides otherwise."

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6 Date: 6/21/85

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