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A PROPOSAL

To amend Section a) 9 of Article III of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section a) 9 of Article III is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

3 "The governor shall submit to the legislature a
4 proposed annual budget for the following fiscal year. The
5 proposed budget shall describe anticipated revenues of the
6 Commonwealth and recommend expenditures of Commonwealth funds.

7 The anticipated revenues shall not be increased ~~by the~~
8 by the legislature without the consent of the governor.

9 In preparing the proposed budget, the governor shall consider
10 submissions made by the mayors of Rota, Saipan, Tinian and
11 Aguiguan, and the islands north of Saipan as to the budgetary
12 needs of those islands and by the executive assistant
13 appointed under section 18 of this article. The governor's
14 submission to the legislature with respect to the budget shall
15 state the governor's disposition of the budgetary requests
16 contained in these submissions and may include recommended
17 legislations with respect to taxation. If the budget is approved
18 by the legislature, the governor may ~~not~~ reallocate appropriated
19 funds except as provided by law. If a budget is not approved
20 before the first day of the fiscal year, appropriations for
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1 government operations and obligations shall be at the level
2 for the previous fiscal year.

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