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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

DELEGATE PROPOSAL No. 100-85

PROPOSAL REGARDING: Article III, Section 16.

The legislature shall provide for a non-partisan and independent civil service commission with the duty to establish and administer personnel policies for the Commonwealth government. There shall be a non-partisan and independent civil service commission consisting of five commissioners with the duty to establish and administer personnel policies for the Commonwealth government.

a) The commissioners shall be elected in the following manner:

- 1) One shall be elected from the Island of Rota.
- 2) One shall be elected from the Island of Tinian.
- 3) Two shall be elected from the Island of Saipan.

b) One commissioner shall be appointed by the governor who shall be a person of Carolinian descent.

c) The commission's authority shall extend to positions other than those filled by election or by appointment of the governor in the departments and agencies of the executive branch and in the administrative staffs of the legislative and judicial branches. Appointment and promotion within the civil service shall be based on merit and fitness demonstrated by examination or by other evidence of competence.

d) The commission shall establish a procedure for a hearing. The taking of testimony, presentation of argument and evidence and all other procedure, shall as far as deem

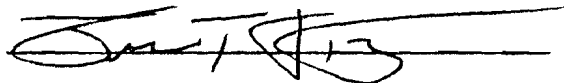
practicable, be governed by the usual rules applied in the Commonwealth Trial Court. The commissioners shall serve for a term of four years.

e) A special election shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective date of this section for the election of the commissioners, The governor shall appoint a person of Carolinian descent as commissioner no later than thirty days after the effective date of this section.

f) The legislature shall prescribe by law the compensation for the commissioners.

6/21/85

PROPOSED BY:



COMMITTEE:
