

A PROPOSAL

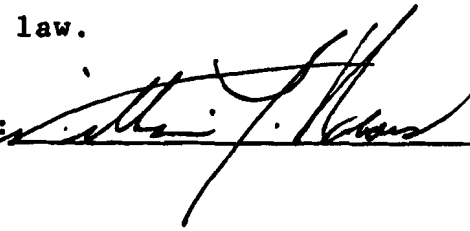
TO AMEND SUBSECTION 5 a) OF ARTICLE XI OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS TO PROHIBIT THE SELLING OF HOME-
STEADS.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

1 Section 1. Subsection 5 a) of Article XI of the Constitution
2 of the Northern Mariana Islands is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "The corporation shall make available some portion of the public
4 lands for a homestead program. A person is not eligible for more
5 than one agricultural and one village homestead. A person may
6 not receive a freehold interest in a homestead for three years
7 after the grant of a homestead and may not transfer a freehold
8 interest in a homestead for ten years after receipt except that
9 these requirements are waived for persons who have established
10 a continuous use of public lands for at least fifteen years as
11 of the effective date of this Constitution. At any time after
12 receiving the freehold interest, the grantee may mortgage the
13 land provided that all funds received from the mortgage be devoted
14 to the improvement of the land. Other requirements relating to
15 homestead program shall be provided by law.

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