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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 138-85

A PROPOSAL

To amend Article III, Section 11 to provide for an Independent Attorney General with a fixed term.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Upon ratification pursuant to Section 5 of Article XVIII of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, Article III, Section 11 of the Constitution is amended to read:

"Section 11. Attorney General. The governor shall appoint an attorney general with the advice and consent of the Senate. The attorney general shall be responsible for providing legal advice to the governor and executive departments, representing the Commonwealth in all legal matters, and prosecuting violations of Commonwealth law. The attorney general shall serve a term of four years or until the inauguration of a new governor, whichever comes first, and may be removed only on grounds of gross neglect or dereliction of duty, conviction of a felony, or mental or physical incapacity. Upon expiration of his term, the attorney general may continue to serve at the pleasure of the governor until a successor is appointed and qualified."

Introduced by: *[Signature]*

Dated: 6-24-85