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SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985
SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 145-85

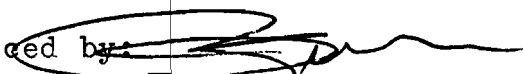
A PROPOSAL

To amend section 8 of article III of the constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands relevant to Temporary Absence or Disability of the Governor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Section 8: Temporary Absence or Disability of Governor.

- a) When the governor is temporarily absent from the commonwealth or mentally and physically disabled the lieutenant governor shall be the acting governor, if the lieutenant governor is also absent, the president of the senate shall be the acting governor. If all above three persons were absent or unavailable the speaker of the house shall be the acting governor.
- b) If the person next in succession to the governor has reason to believe that the governor is unable to discharge the power and duties of said office, that person shall file petition to declare a vacancy with the commonwealth appeals court or the United States District Court.
- c) The court has original and exclusive jurisdiction to determine all questions regarding degree and prognosis of disability of the governor and the existance of a vacancy in the office of the governor.

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