

A PROPOSAL

To amend Section 17(a) of Article III; to delete Section 17(b) and (c) of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution in their entirety relating to Public Services.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Section 1. Section 17(a) of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 17: Public Services.

"a) ~~The governor may delegate to a mayor elected under the provisions of Article VII, section 2, responsibility for the execution of Commonwealth laws and the administration of public services in the island or islands in which the mayor has been elected. Services being provided on a decentralized basis on Rota and Tinian on the effective date of this Constitution shall continue to be provided on this basis unless the governor personally certifies after public hearing on the island involved that such decentralization is inconsistent with the efficient and economical delivery of services.~~ The governor shall appoint his representatives for Rota and Tinian who shall supervise the delivery of public services with the advice and consent of the senate. The salary of the representatives shall be equal to that of the executive department head."

Section 2. Section 17(b) and (c) of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution are hereby deleted in their entirety.