

A PROPOSAL

TO AMEND SECTION 12 OF ARTICLE III OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION TO CONFORM WITH A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE XII OF THE SAME.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 12 of Article III of the Constitution of the
2 Northern Mariana Islands is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 Section 2. Public Auditor. The governor shall appoint a public auditor
4 with the advice and consent of each house of the legislature. The
5 public auditor shall audit the receipt, possession and disbursement of
6 public funds by the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the
7 government, an instrumentality of the Commonwealth or an agency of local
8 government and corporations registered to be persons of Northern Marianas
9 descent and shall perform other duties provided by law. The public auditor
10 shall report to the legislature and the governor at least once every year
11 and this report shall be made public promptly. The public auditor may be
12 removed only for cause and by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
13 members of each house of the legislature. In the event that there is a
14 vacancy in the office of public auditor, the presiding officer of the
15 senate shall appoint a temporary public auditor to serve until the vacancy
16 is filled.

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