

A PROPOSAL

TO AMEND SECTION 2. OF ARTICLE XII OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS
CONSTITUTION TO PREVENT ACQUISITION OF PERMANENT OR LONG-
TERM INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY BY INHERITANCE TO A SPOUSE
NOT OF NORTHERN MARIANAS DESCENT.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Article XII of the Constitution of the
 2 Northern Mariana Islands is hereby amended to read as follows:
 3 Section 2. Acquisition. The term acquisition used in section 1 includes
 4 acquisition by sale, lease, gift, inheritance or other means. A
 5 transfer by inheritance to a spouse not of Northern Marianas descent
 6 is ~~not~~ an acquisition under this section unless and until land title
 7 to permanent ^{and/or} long-term interests in real property within the Common-
 8 wealth is deeded collectively as undivided interests to the children,
 9 legitimate and adopted inclusive. A transfer to a mortgagee by means of
 10 a foreclosure on a mortgage is not an acquisition under this section if
 11 the mortgagee does not hold the permanent or long-term interest in real
 12 property for more than ~~five~~ three years.

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