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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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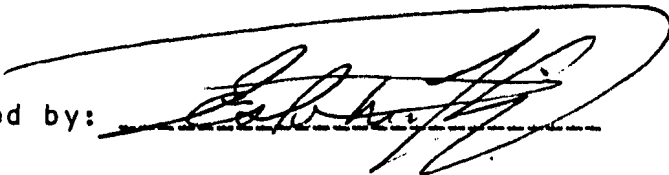
To repeal and reenact Article XI, Section 5(b) relative to transfers of freehold interest in public lands.

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of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, Article XI, Section 5(b) of the Constitution is repealed and reenacted to read:

"(b) The corporation may not transfer a freehold interest in public lands for twenty years after the effective date of this Constitution, except for homesteads as provided under section 5(a), divestiture of government-owned residential housing as provided under Article III, Section \_\_\_\_\_, and land exchanges authorized by the legislature as necessary to acquire land for public projects or meet obligations to the United States; Provided, that all land exchanges must involve land of comparable value based on independent appraisal made by the same parties at approximately the same time for all land parcels involved; Provided further, that freehold interest may not be transferred at any time, except for homesteads as provided under section 5(a), for a value less than the fair market value as determined by independent appraisal. This provision shall be effective as of the effective date of the Constitution."

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_



Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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