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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 184-85

A PROPOSAL

To add a new Section \_\_\_\_ to Article III to prohibit wage discrimination and require divestiture of government-owned residential housing.

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, a new Section \_\_\_\_\_ is added to Article III of the Constitution to read:

"Section \_\_\_\_\_. Prohibition of Discrimination in Government Wages and Employment Benefits.

(a) Government wages and employment benefits shall be based solely on education, experience, performance, and the nature of the job to be performed. The costs of initial transportation of an employee and his or her family and their personal effects to the Commonwealth, return transportation for the same upon cessation of employment, and temporary storage of personal effects at the place of recruitment are not wages and employment benefits for the purposes of this section.

(b) All government-owned residential housing except that required for the governor, lieutenant governor, the presiding officers of the legislature, and members of the legislature representing senatorial districts other than Saipan, shall be disposed of by sale or long-term lease within three years of the effective date of this section. The terms of sale or long-term lease shall reflect the fair market value of the residential housing as determined by independent appraisal. The Marianas Public Land Corporation shall be responsible for the disposition of government-owned residential housing as provided by this section, and the proceeds of sale or lease shall be subject to the provisions of Article XI."

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