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A PROPOSAL

To amend Section 17 a), b) and c) of Article III of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution, relating to Public Services.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 17(a), (b) and (c) of Article III are hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "Section 17: Public Services.

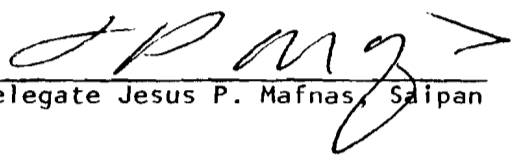
4 "a) The governor ~~may~~ shall delegate to a mayor elected under the
5 provisions of article VI, section 2, responsibility for the execution of
6 Commonwealth laws and the administration of public services in the island
7 or islands in which the mayor has been elected. Services being provided
8 on a decentralized basis in Rota and Tinian on the effective date of this
9 Constitution shall continue to be provided on this basis unless the
10 governor personally certifies after public hearing on the island involved
11 that such decentralization is inconsistent with the efficient and economical
12 delivery of services."

13 "b) ~~PUBLIC SERVICES ON ROTA AND TINIAN SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY~~ Upon
14 consultation and approval by the governor, the mayors on Rota and Tinian
15 shall appoint a resident department head in the departments providing
16 services ~~appointed by the head of the executive branch department~~ with the
17 advice and consent of the majority of the members of the legislature from
18 the senatorial district in which the resident department head shall serve.
19 ~~THESE ARRANGEMENTS SHALL APPLY TO THE ISLANDS NORTH OF SAIPAN WHEN THE~~
20 ~~POPULATION OF THESE ISLANDS EXCEED ONE THOUSAND PERSONS.~~

21 c) Public services shall be provided on an equitable basis to the

1 budgetary processes that services ~~be~~ provided be through decentralized
2 administratively arrangements. The governor shall make any necessary
3 recommendations to the legislature in order to accomplish this
4 objective."

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6 Date: 8/27/85

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