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A PROPOSAL

To amend Article II, Section 7(a) to limit the authority of the Governor to veto administrative provisions of appropriations bills.

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 II, Section 7(a) of the Constitution is amended to read:

"(a) Every bill enacted shall be signed by the presiding officer of the house in which the bill originated and transmitted to the governor. If the governor signs the bill, it shall become law. If the governor vetoes the bill, it shall be returned to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature with a statement of the reasons for the veto. The governor may veto an item or section in an appropriation bill and sign the remainder of the bill; Provided, that the governor may not veto an item or section governing the manner in which an appropriation may be expended if any appropriation affected by the item or section is approved."

Introduced by:

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Dated:

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