

A PROPOSAL

NOT TO REVAMP BUT SIMPLY TO IMPROVE OR AMEND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE III OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMONWEALTH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 13 of Article III of the Constitution of the
2 Northern Mariana Islands is hereby amended by adding subsections
3 a), b), and c) to read as follows:

4 "Section 13. Department of Education. The legislature shall establish
5 a department of education that shall be headed by a ~~superintendent~~
6 director of education appointed by a representative board of education
7 by an elected Board of Education. (DELETE the rest of the sentences in
8 section 13, Article III and ADD the following subsections).

9 a) The state Board of Education shall consist of seven(7)
10 elected members, including a student member and three(3) nonvoting
11 ex-officio members. The three nonvoting members shall consist of: one(1)
12 member selected by an exclusive bargaining representative of the teachers
13 within the Department of Education; one(1) member appointed by the Governor
14 from those persons nominated by nonpublic schools to represent nonpublic
15 schools; and one(1) member appointed by the Governor from those persons
16 nominated by the Chamber of Commerce to represent the business community.

17 b) The student board member shall be a public school sophomore or
18 junior at the time of a selection and shall serve for a term of one(1) year
19 beginning on June first of the year a selection is certified by the director
20 of education. The student member shall selected by a plurality vote of
21 sophomores and juniors and seniors attending public schools, voting in an
election in the public high schools on a day in May of each year. Methods

1 of nomination, election, and certification of student member shall
2 be provided by the Board of Education.

3 c) The election provided for in this subsection shall be
4 nonpartisan. There shall not be any endorsement, sponsorship, or
5 nomination, directly or indirectly, by any political party on any
6 candidates for this office. Election shall be at-large for candidates
7 from Rota and Tinian. Candidates from Saipan shall be elected by
8 election precincts. The person receiving the highest number of votes
9 in Saipan shall serve for four(4) years. The person receiving the
10 highest number of votes in Rota and Tinian collectively shall also serve
11 for four(4) years. The person receiving the second highest number of
12 votes in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota shall each serve for two(2) years.

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