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A PROPOSAL

To amend Article II of the Northern Marianas Constitution by adding a new Section 16 relating to establishing Legislative Bureau.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Article II of the Northern Marianas Constitution
2 is hereby amended by adding a new Section to read as follows:

3 "Section 16. Legislative Bureau. There is hereby
4 established a legislative bureau in the Northern Marianas
5 Commonwealth Legislature.

6 "a) The bureau shall be headed by a chief
7 administrative officer to be appointed by the joint
8 leadership of the legislature consisting of the
9 presiding officers, vice speaker, vice president,
10 floor leaders and the chairmen of the standing
11 committees.

12 "b) The chief shall employ all necessary staff
13 other than personal staff of the members of the legis-
14 lature pursuant to budgetary allocations. The staff
15 members shall include legal counsel and other adminis-
16 trative staff.

17 "c) The bureau shall provide all required
18 services to the legislature in connection to duties
19 and responsibilities during sessions and committee
20 meetings. It shall maintain all records, files,
21 library, and other documents of the legislature.

1 "d) The chief may be removed by two-thirds
2 votes of each house of the legislature with or
3 without cause.

4 "e) The bureau shall be free from any
5 political harrassment and/or pressure."

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