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A PROPOSAL

To amend Article 8, Section 4 to provide that elected Officials will take office immediately after certification by the Board of Elections, in order to prevent lame duck politics and abuses. A two month transition period should be encouraged but not required. The formal ceremony may still be held on the second Monday of January.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Section 1. Section 4 of Article VIII of the Northern Marianas Islands Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Taking Office After Elections. Officers elected at the regular general elections shall take office on the second Monday of January of the year following the year in which the election was held immediately after certification by the Board of Elections, in order to prevent lame duck politics and abuses. A two month transition period should be encouraged but not required. The formal ceremony may still be held on the second Monday of January.

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