SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 279-85

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A PROPOSAL

To amend Article IX, Section 1 to provide a fifty five percent vote for passage of initiative measure rather than the present two-thirds.

Section 1. Paragraph d) of Article IX Section 1 of the Northern Marianas Islands Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

d) An initiative petition that proposes a general law for the Commonwealth shall become law if approved by ~~two-thirds~~ fifty-five percent of the votes cast by persons qualified to vote in the Commonwealth. An initiative petition that proposes a local law shall become law if approved by ~~two-thirds~~ fifty-five percent of the persons from the senatorial district who are qualified to vote. An initiative petition that has been approved by the voters shall take effect thirty days after the date of the elction unless the petition provides otherwise.

Date: 7/2/85

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