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A PROPOSAL

To repeal and reenact Section 6(b) of Article VI to permit the incorporation of villages.

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Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, a new Section 6(b) of Article VI of the Constitution is repealed and reenacted to read:

"(b) The residents of any contiguous land area in excess of five hectares having a population density in excess of twenty persons per hectare may petition for a charter of incorporation as a village. Such a charter shall be granted if two thirds of the persons qualified to vote in the designated area vote affirmatively for incorporation. An incorporated village may impose head taxes or taxes upon the square footage of buildings within the village if approved in a referendum by a majority of the qualified voters of the village, to be used for village improvements such as streets or services such as garbage collection. The legislature shall provide for the practical implementation of this subsection, including executive capacity, financial and management controls, and procedure consistent with this subsection for extension or merger of previously incorporated villages, and may provide for additional powers, elected officials and financing for incorporated villages."

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