

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Article V relative to representation in the United States.

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, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is amended as follows:

1 I. Effective upon ratification, Article V is amended to read:

2 "ARTICLE V: REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES

3 Section 1. Resident Representative to the United  
4 States. A resident representative to the United States  
5 shall be elected to represent the Commonwealth in the  
6 United States and perform those related duties provided by  
7 law. The governor shall provide a certification of  
8 selection promptly to the United States Department of State  
9 and to the resident representative.

10 Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office of the  
11 resident representative shall be two years, except that on  
12 the second Monday of January 1990, the term of office of  
13 the resident representative shall be increased to four  
14 years. In the event that the United States confers the  
15 status of member or non-voting delegate in the United  
16 States Congress on the resident representative and such  
17 status requires a different term, the term of office of the  
18 resident representative shall be that required by such  
19 status.

20 Section 3. Qualifications. The resident  
21 representative shall be qualified to vote in the

1 Commonwealth, a citizen of the United States, at least  
2 twenty-five years of age, and a resident and domiciliary of  
3 the Commonwealth for at least seven years immediately  
4 preceding the date on which the resident representative  
5 takes office. A different period of residence and domicile  
6 may be provided by law. No person convicted of a felony in  
7 the Commonwealth or in any area under the jurisdiction of  
8 the United States may be eligible for this office unless a  
9 full pardon has been granted.

10 Section 4. Annual Report. The resident  
11 representative shall submit a written report by the first  
12 day of March of each year, except that an outgoing resident  
13 representative shall submit a final written report by the  
14 second Monday of January of the year he or she leaves  
15 office, to the governor and legislature on the resident  
16 representative's official activities during the preceding  
17 year and matters requiring the attention of the government  
18 or people of the Commonwealth.

19 Section 5. Compensation. The resident representative  
20 shall receive an annual salary and reasonable allowance for  
21 expenses provided by law. The salary may not be changed  
22 during a term of office. The staff of the office of the  
23 resident representative shall be exempted from the civil  
24 service.

25 Section 6. Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the  
26 office of resident representative to the United States, the  
27 governor shall appoint a successor with the advice and  
28 consent of the legislature unless the United States confers  
29 the status of member or non-voting delegate in the United  
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31 status requires a different method of filling vacancies, in

1        which case vacancies shall be filled in the manner required  
2        by such status .

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4        is subject to impeachment as provided in article 11,  
5        section 8, of this Constitution for treason, commission of  
6        a felony, corruption or neglect of duty."

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