

SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 38

The Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends that the Convention adopt the attached constitutional amendment with respect to giving the legislature sole discretion to determine the qualifications of its members.

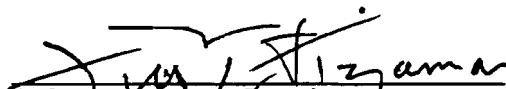
This provision will provide authority to the legislature to establish qualification requirements for its members, and to be able to expel members without having to resort to judicial determination of the qualification of the expelled member. If the expelled member wishes to contest the action of the legislature, such member may seek judicial review.

Delegate Proposal:

The Committee considered Delegate Proposal No. 238-85.

The Committee urges all Convention Delegates to support the Committee's recommended constitutional amendment.

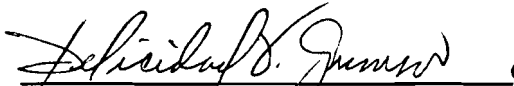
Respectfully submitted,




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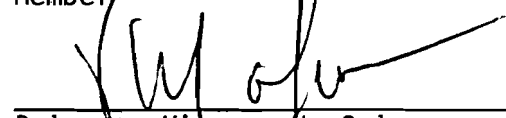
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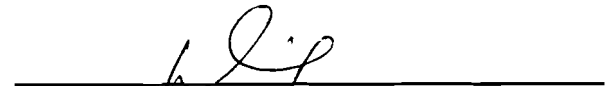
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TECHNICAL AMENDMENT CR NO. 38

1. In the last line of the introductory clause, delete the words "to read".
2. Line 1 - place a Roman Numeral "I" in front of the word "Effective".
3. Line 2 - strike out in its entirety.
4. Line 5 - place an "s" at the end of the word "election".

These are just to put the proposed constitutional amendment in proper form.

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Section 14(a) of Article II regarding the vote required to expel a member of the legislature.

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 to read as follows:

1 Effective upon ratification, Section 14(a) of Article II is amended to read:

2 "Section 14: Organization and Procedures.

3 "a) Each house of the legislature shall be the final judge of
4 the election and qualifications of its members and the legislature may vest
5 in the courts the jurisdiction to determine contested elections of members.
6 Each house may compel the attendance of absent members, discipline its members
7 and, by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of its members, expel a member
8 for commission of treason, a felony, breach of the peace, or violation of
9 the rules of that house."
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*Adopted by Cmte
of the whole on 7/13/85*

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