

SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION, 1985

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To extend the existence of the Second Constitutional Convention by ^{Five}~~seven~~ days, to amend Section 11(a) of Public Law 4-30, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the "Constitutional
2 Convention Extension Act of 1985."

3 Section 2. Findings. The legislature finds that:

4 (a) The delegates have worked long and hard hours, even on
5 week-ends;

6 (b) In spite of their diligent efforts, insufficient time
7 remains in the existence of their offices to accomplish their
8 duties; and

9 (c) The time, effort and money already expended in the
10 furtherance of this effort may be lost if the existence of the
11 Convention is not extended for the time necessary to complete
12 its task.

13 Section 3. Constitutional Convention Extended. The Second
14 Constitutional Convention created in accordance with Article XVIII,
15 Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands is
16 hereby extended by an additional five days.

17 Section 4. Conforming Amendment. Section 11(a) of Public Law 4-30 is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "Section 11. Convening the Convention.

20 (a) The 1985 Constitutional Convention to propose
21 amendments to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

1 Islands Constitution shall convene in Saipan, Northern
2 Mariana Islands and shall continue in session for not
3 more than thirty ~~(30)~~ -five (35) calendar days. The
4 Pre-Convention Committee shall specify the actual date
5 for the convening of the Convention, which shall not
6 be later than June 18, 1985."

7 Section 5. Documents. Custody of the official records and other papers
8 of the Constitutional Convention shall be turned over to the Governor or his
9 designee.

10 Section §6. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its
11 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: July 16, 1985

Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Pedro T. Nakatsukasa

/s/ Rep. Benigno M. Sablan