FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 4-50 HOUSE BILL NO. 259

SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION, 1985

## AN ACT

To extend the existence of the Second Constitutional Covention by Five Days, to amend Section 11(a) of Public Law 4-30, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the 1 2 "Constitutional Convention Extention Act of 1985." 3 Section 2. Findings. The legislature finds that: 4 (a) The delegates have worked long and hard hours, 5 even on week-ends; 6 (b) Inspite of their diligent efforts, insufficient 7 time remains in the existence of their offices to 8 accomplish their duties; and 9 (c) The time, effort and money already expended in the furtherance of this effort may be lost if the 10 11 existence of the Convention is not extended for the time 12 necessary to complete 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 16 is hereby extended by an additional five days. 17 Section 4. Conforming Amendment. Section 11(a) of Public Law 4-30 is amended to read as follows: 18 19 "Section 11. Convening the Convention. 20 (a) The 1985 Constitutional Convention to 21 propose amendments to the Commonwealth of the

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Northern Mariana Islands Constitution shall 1 2 convene in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 3 and shall continue in session for not more than thirty-five (35) calendar days. The 4 5 Pre-Convention Committee shall specify the 6 actual date for the convening of the Convention, 7 which shall not be later than June 18, 1985." 8 Section 5. Documents. Custody of the official records and other 9 papers of the Constitutional Convention shall be turned over to the 10 Governor or his designee. Section 6. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its 11 12 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval. ATTEST: Vicentè Frances C. Sablan Μ. Speaker of the House Acting Chief Clerk 1985 Pedro P. Tenor to Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands