

SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION, 1985

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To provide for a Post Constitutional Convention Committee which will coordinate analysis and public education of the amendments proposed to the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution by the Second Constitutional Convention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

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

3           Section. 2. Findings. The legislature finds that sound public  
4   policy dictates that a Post Convention Committee be formed to assist  
5   with and supervise a public education program which will explain the  
6   amendments to the Northern Marianas Islands Constitution proposed  
7   by the Second Constitutional Convention. This committee would also  
8   assist in the drafting of an analysis to those amendments which are  
9   ratified by the voters in the November election.

10          Section. 3. Establishment of Committee. There is hereby  
11   established a Post Convention Committee, which shall consist of  
12   five members. At least one member shall be a person representing  
13   Rota, at least one member shall be a person representing Tinian,  
14   at least one member shall be a person of Carolinian descent, and  
15   at least one member shall be a woman.

16          Section. 4. Compensation of Committee Members. The members  
17   of this committee shall receive no compensation for their  
18   participation on the committee. Off-island members shall receive  
19   a travel allowance, at government established rates, to attend to  
20   committee business. The members of the Committee shall be  
21   appointed by the Governor. The former President of the Second

1 Constitutional Convention shall submit a list of the names of  
2 ten former delegates to the Convention, from which the governor  
3 may select the members of this committee. The members of the  
4 committee shall elect a chairman to preside over the committee.

5 Section. 5. Duties.

6 (a) The Post Convention Committee shall assist and coordinate with  
7 government officials, who may be designated by the governor, to  
8 provide public education regarding the meaning and effect of the  
9 proposed amendments to the Constitution.

10 (b) The Committee shall assist with the drafting of an analysis of  
11 those proposed amendments which are ratified by the voters in the  
12 November elections.

13 (c) The Committee shall be responsible for preserving any records of  
14 the Convention which it deems will assist in the process of public  
15 education or the drafting of the analysis mentioned above.

16 (d) The Committee shall supervise the gathering and transmittal  
17 of the 44 adopted constitutional amendments to each of the two  
18 houses of the Legislature for their ratification pursuant to Section  
19 19(b) of P.L. 4-30.

20 Section. 6. Severability. If any provisions of this act or any rule  
21 regulation or order issued pursuant to this act, or application of any  
22 such provision, rule, regulation or order to any person or  
23 circumstance shall be held invalid by a court of competent  
24 jurisdiction, the remainder of this act and other rules, regulations  
25 or orders, or application thereof to persons or circumstances other  
26 than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

1                   Section. 7. Effective Date. This act shall take effect  
2 upon its approval by the governor, or upon its becoming law without  
3 such approval; Provided, that the provisions of this act shall expire  
4 on December 31, 1985.

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Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep. P.T. Nakatsukasa