

SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION, 1985

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 FOURTH 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 Mariana Islands Constitution proposed by
7 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 five
12 members. At least one member shall be a person representing Rota,
13 at least one member shall be a person representing Tinian, at least
14 one member shall be a person of Carolinian descent, and at least one
15 member shall be a woman.

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

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

5 Section 5. Duties.

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

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

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

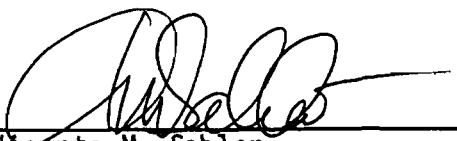
18 (d) The Committee shall supervise the gathering and
19 transmittal of the 44 adopted constitutional amendments
20 to each of the two houses of the Legislature for their
21 ratification pursuant to Section 19(b) of P.L. 4-30.

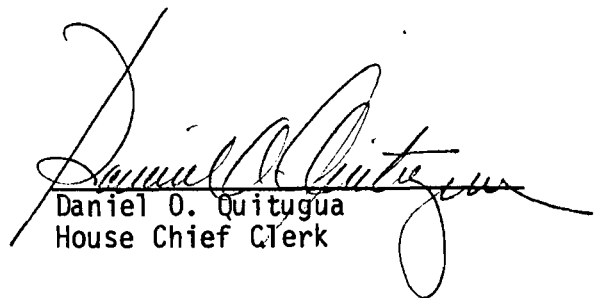
22 (e) The Chairman of the Committee shall evaluate
23 any unliquidated fiscal liabilities of the Second
24 Constitutional Convention in an effort to liquidate
25 them within the limitations of the funds appropriated
26 to the committee by the legislature.

1 Section 6. Severability. If any provisions of this act or any
2 rule regulation or order issued pursuant to this act, or application
3 of any such provision, rule, regulation or order to any person or
4 circumstance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,
5 the remainder of this act and other rules, regulations or order, or
6 application thereof to persons or circumstances other than those to
7 which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

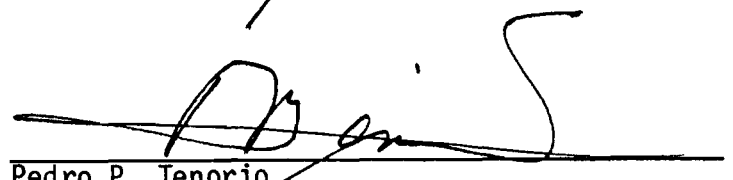
8 Section 7. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon
9 its approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such
10 approval; Provided, that the provisions of this act shall expire on
11 December 31, 1985.

ATTEST:


Vicente M. Sablan
Speaker of the House


Daniel O. Quitugua
House Chief Clerk

July 31, 1985


Pedro P. Tenorio
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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Offered by Representatives Pedro T. Nakatsukasa and Vicente M. Sablan

Date: July 26, 1985

House Action

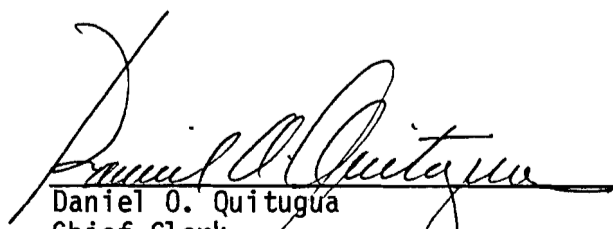
Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

Standing Committee Report No. 4-103

First and Final Reading: July 26, 1985

Senate Action

Second and Final Reading: July 29, 1985


Daniel O. Quitugua
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives