



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO.326

DATE: June 6, 1995

It is proposed that a constitutional amendment be prepared that does the following:

Amends Art. III, Sec. 17(a) by deleting the phrase "as deemed appropriate", substituting "January 7, 1986" for the phrase "effective date of this provision" and providing that the mayor shall be responsible for disciplining or dismissing department heads when warranted.

Provides that resident department heads shall hire employees for their departments pursuant to civil service rules but independent of the central government. Provides further that the resident department heads shall provide all necessary support to the mayors. Authorizes the mayors to transfer personnel from their offices to assist the resident department heads.

Defines public services as those delivered on Rota, Tinian and Aguiguan through departments, agencies or offices of local government headed by resident department heads appointed by the mayor. Provides that public services shall be provided equitably to all CNMI citizens and to each senatorial district, and that additional services to be provided these islands shall be provided through resident department heads.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. III, Sec. 17

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. VI, Sec. 3