



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention ⁻⁵⁹⁵⁻

Delegate Proposal No. 443

Date: June 16, 1995

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

That a firm fixed schedule be set for the annual budget as follows --

(1) The Governor must submit the annual budget by February 1.

(2) The House must complete its consideration by April 1. If it does not, the Governor's budget is deemed approved by the House, and will be transmitted to the Senate for action.

(3) The Senate must complete its consideration by June 1. If it does not, the Governor's budget is deemed approved by the Senate, and will be transmitted to the Governor for action.

(4) If the Senate makes amendments, a joint committee shall be created by the presiding officers of both houses, and the committee's work and approval of both houses shall be completed by July 15. If it is not, the Senate's amended budget is deemed approved by both houses, and will be transmitted to the Governor for action.

(5) The Governor must approve, in whole or part, or veto the budget by August 15.

(6) If the Governor vetoes, the Legislature must act by September 30. If the Legislature does not overturn the veto by September 30, then the Government shall operate on the same budget level as in the prior fiscal year. If the Legislature does overturn, then the Government shall operate on the budget approved by the Legislature.

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(Proposal received from HERMAN Q.
GUERRERO and submitted as a
courtesy for consideration by the
delegates)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. III, Sec.
9 (a)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None