



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 490

Date: June 22, 1995

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

Provides basic functions for all boards and commissions as follows:

- (1) Boards and commissions may own assets, incur indebtedness, and sue or be sued, all as provided by law
- (2) Boards and commissions are accountable, and must:
 - . have an annual financial audit by an independent public accounting firm
 - . make an annual report to the governor and the legislature within six months after the close of the fiscal year
- (3) Boards and commissions have functions as provided by law
- (4) Boards and commissions have funding as provided by law. When earmarked funds become available or appropriations are made for a board or commission, the funds are ~~set aside in a special revenue fund and are~~ not subject to re-programming by the governor or to re-appropriation by the legislature. Only the board or commission may expend the funds.
- (5) A transition provisions for the Schedule on Transitional Matters shall provide that these amendments become effective 30 days after ratification.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. III, Sec. 21

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None