



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 510

Date: June 24, 1995

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

Provides that the term permanent and long-term interests in real property used in Article XII includes freehold interests and leasehold interests of more than 55 years including renewal rights and related obligations.

[Note: The legislative history would explain that this addition to the definition is intended to cover all the practices related to extending the 55-year lease that are now illegal (including repurchase requirements, successive leases, change of law provisions and similar practices to get around the 55-year requirement) plus any other contractual or other method that lawyers might use in the future to get around the 55-year limit. The intent is that when the 55 year period is up, the children or grandchildren of the Northern Marianas descent owner get the land back with absolutely no strings attached or obligations whatsoever.]

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Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, identified as Lillian A. Tenorio.
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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. XII, Sec. 3

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. XII, Sec. 6