



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention -1019-

Delegate Proposal No. 542

Date: June 25, 1995

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

Expands the reference to Trust Territory citizenship in the definition of a person of Northern Marianas descent to cover persons who were natural or naturalized citizens of the Trust Territory, including all inhabitants to the Former Japanese Mandated Islands as of September 2, 1945 who were not then citizens of another country.

[Mr. McMahon explains that this amendment is necessary to cover, under Article 12, Chamorros who left Guam and established their homes in the Northern Marianas in Spanish, German, and Japanese times, but who (because they were born in Guam) had U.S. citizenship (or indeterminate citizenship) rather than Trust Territory citizenship. The descendants of these people are Chamorros who think they are persons of Northern Marianas descent under Article 12, but because of the citizenship problems of their parents or grandparents, they do not qualify.]

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(Proposed by BRIAN W. McMAHON and submitted as a courtesy for consideration by the delegates)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. XII, Sec. 4

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: All provisions that use the definition of Northern Marianas descent.