

Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention -1020-

Delegate Proposal No. 543

Date: June 25, 1995

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

Provides that the definition of Northern Marianas descent be expanded to include persons who became citizens or nationals of the United States pursuant to Section 301(b) of the Covenant.

> [Mr. Blair explains that this is necessary in order for Chamorros from Palau, Ponape and Yap, who arrived in the Northern Marianas after 1950 but before 1974 and made it their home, to be included as persons of Northern Marianas descent.]

Submitted by:

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(Proposed by WILLIAM J. BLAIR 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 articles that use the definition of Northern Marianas descent.