



# Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention -1551-

Delegate Proposal No. 611

Date: July 10, 1995

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

Provides revised authority for the Mayors as follows --

(1) Three municipalities: Three municipalities are established: Rota, Tinian and Aguiguan, and Saipan and the Northern Islands.

(2) Mayors: Each municipality shall have a mayor. (The offices of the Mayor of Saipan and the Mayor of the Northern Islands will be combined into one office.)

(3) Powers of the Mayor: The Mayor is the executive of the municipality.

a) Budget: The Mayor shall prepare a budget for the municipality including local funding components and Commonwealth funding components. The budget shall be submitted to the Municipal Council for approval. Once approved the local funding components of the budget shall go into effect and the Commonwealth funding components of the budget shall be transmitted to the Governor and included in the Governor's budget for the Commonwealth. Any deviations from the Mayor's budget for Commonwealth funding components shall be noted and explained in the proposed budget submitted by the Governor to the Legislature.

b) Veto: The Mayor shall have veto power over ordinances passed by the Municipal Council to the same extent and in the same manner as the Governor has veto power over legislation passed by the Legislature.

c) Execution of laws and ordinances: The Mayor shall have the power to execute Commonwealth laws on subjects that are shared powers (between Commonwealth and local governments) and to execute municipal ordinances.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. I, Art. III, Art. II

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None