



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention -1562-

Delegate Proposal No. 620

Date: July 10, 1995

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

Provides for primary elections.

[Note: Mr. Baka explains that primary elections promote openness and accountability. Selection of candidates by the party leadership in secret meetings promotes favoritism and self-interest. Under this proposal, it would be up to the legislature or parties to decide whether primaries should be open to all voters or just to registered party members.]

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(Proposal received from JESSIE BAKA,
ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER and submitted
as a courtesy for consideration by the
delegates..)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. VIII, Sec. 2

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None