



# Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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## AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI: PUBLIC LANDS

1. To amend Section 5 to change the word "~~Community land Access Bureau~~" with the word "Oficinan Tano." *Moromon Land*  
*Bureau*
2. To delete the words on Section 6 c. which read "A leasehold interest shall not exceed forty years including renewal rights and shall expire within three years if the commercial purpose is not accomplished. Leasehold interests of more than twenty five years, or more than five hectares, shall be submitted to the legislature." and replace them with the words, "A leasehold interest shall not exceed twenty-five years including renewal rights. An extension of not more than fifteen years may be given upon approval by three-fourths of the members of the legislature. A leasehold interest shall expire within three years if the commercial purpose is not accomplished. Leasehold interests of more than one year or more than 200 square meters shall be submitted to the legislature. The bureau shall not transfer a leasehold interest in public lands larger than 15 hectares for commercial purposes."
3. To add a new Section 6 f. to read:  
Section 6: Fundamental Policies.  
f) Any transfer of leasehold interest in public land by the Division of Public Land ( Department of Land and Natural Resources) between June 5, 1995 and the ratification of this article shall be declared null and void.

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