

Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

Delegate Amendment No. 007

Date: July 20, 1995

ARTICLE AND SECTION TO BE AMENDED: Art. IX, Section 3(c)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNED: Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices

It is proposed that the article passed on first reading be amended as follows:

Article IX

Section 3: Recall

(c) A recall petition certified by the attorney general shall be submitted to the voters at a special election within 90 days unless more than half of the term remains and a special election is provided by law for this purpose.

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Notes: This deletes the current provision for recall petitions to be voted on at the next regular general election with an option for special elections, and substitutes a special election in all cases. The special election occurs within 90 days in cases in which 50% or less of the term remains. If 51% of the term remains, then the legislature has the option to pass a law scheduling the special election. If the legislature does not act, then the special election occurs in 90 days.