

Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

Delegate Amendment No. 015

Date: July 21, 1995

ARTICLE AND SECTION TO BE AMENDED: Article III, Section 20

COMMITTEE ASSIGNED: Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government

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

Article III

Section 20: Council for Indigenous Affairs

e) The council shall be provided the funding necessary to implement these responsibilities from the interest revenue of the Marianas Public Land Trust. The expenditure of these funds shall be in accordance with a budget approved by the legislature and the governor. To the extent funds are available from the Trust the council may allocate such funds to existing scholarship, medical referral and housing programs for the benefit of the local population.

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Notes: This amendment deletes the language that provides the Council's budget goes to the Governor and the Legislature for their information. This amendment requires the Council to operate in the same fashion as every other government agency, in accordance with a budget approved by the legislature and the governor.