



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Amendment No. 026

Date: July 21, 1995

ARTICLE AND SECTION TO BE AMENDED: Article XVIII, Section 3

COMMITTEE ASSIGNED: Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected

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

Article XVIII

Section 3: Mutual Consent

Consent by the government of the Commonwealth to amendment of any fundamental provision of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America protected by the mutual consent requirement of Section 105 of the Covenant shall be communicated to the United States and bind the Commonwealth only after the proposed amendment to the Covenant has been approved within sixty days by a vote of three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature after public hearings and adequate information about the position of the United States as to its consent, approved by the governor, and ratified by the people in accordance with section 4 of this article. If the legislature has not acted within sixty days, the proposed amendment shall be deemed approved by the legislature.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. B. Aldan", written over a horizontal line.

Delegate TOMAS B. ALDAN

Notes: This imposes a time limit of sixty calendar days for the legislature to act after a request for mutual consent has been transmitted to the legislature by the governor.