

Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

Delegate Amendment No. 031

Date: July 24, 1995

ARTICLE AND SECTION TO BE AMENDED: Article III, Section 13

COMMITTEE ASSIGNED: Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices

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

Article III

Section 13: Education

e) Higher education, adult continuing education, and vocational education <u>shall be</u> available in postsecondary educational institutions within the Commonwealth consistent with the needs of the people as provided by law. <u>The legislature shall make an annual appropriation for instruction in public postsecondary educational institutions which shall be allotted to the postsecondary institutions as provided by law. Postsecondary educational institutions shall be governed by boards of regents which shall be appointed to staggered terms by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate and shall have autonomy in the administration of their affairs. The composition of the boards of regents and other matters pertaining to their responsibilities and the operation of the postsecondary educational institutions shall be provided by law.</u>

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Notes: This amendment does the following: (1) adds language that requires postsecondary educational institutions within the Commonwealth -- the Committee's draft recognizes postsecondary education but does not require it specifically within educational institutions within the Commonwealth; (2) adds language requiring the legislature to make annual appropriations for postsecondary education; (3) adds language mandating the existence and autonomy of boards of regents to govern postsecondary educational institutions.