



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

Delegate Amendment No. 46

Date: July 31, 1995

ARTICLE AND SECTION TO BE AMENDED: Article VI, Section 7

COMMITTEE ASSIGNED: Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government

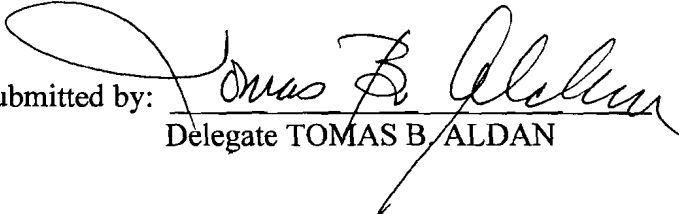
It is proposed that the article passed on first reading be amended as follows:

Article VI: Local Government

Section 7

b) Commonwealth funding of local government shall not exceed the funding for local government in fiscal year 1996 until January 1, 1998, and thereafter shall be reduced by the amount of revenues raised locally as certified by the public auditor in each of the succeeding five years. The legislature may continue funding after these five years at a level that does not exceed those revenues raised locally in each senatorial district if the legislature finds after public hearings that (1) the local government has made all feasible efforts to raise revenues from local sources; (2) the local government has reduced the number of government employees compensated by Commonwealth funds substantially during the past six years; and (3) the local government has provided detailed and convincing support for continued Commonwealth funding for local government personnel and services.

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Notes: This amendment provides for a reduction in Commonwealth funding reflecting the effort of the local governments rather than the automatic and inflexible requirement of 10% in each year.