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A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Directing the Board of Elections to submit to the voters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands the question "Shall there be a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?" in accordance to Article XVIII, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Northern
2 Mariana Islands provides that the Legislature may submit to the voters the
3 question "Shall there be a constitutional convention to propose amendments to
4 the Constitution?"; and

5 WHEREAS, this question is required to be submitted to the voters at a
6 regular general election no later than ten (10) years after the question was
7 last submitted; and

8 WHEREAS, in the event the Legislature fails to act the Governor shall
9 submit this question to the voters at a regular general election no later than
10 ten (10) years after the question was last submitted; and

11 WHEREAS, the question was last submitted to the voters at the 1983
12 regular general election; and

13 WHEREAS, the 1993 regular general election is the last general
14 election before January 9, 1995; and

15 WHEREAS, an act of the Legislature providing for such a question may
16 not be vetoed by the Governor and shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of a
17 majority of the members of each house; and

1 WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature believe the voters should
2 have the right to express on whether or not they desire a constitutional
3 convention; and

4 WHEREAS, a convention would be convened promptly by the
5 Legislature if two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast are affirmative on the question
6 of holding a convention; and

7 WHEREAS, the twenty-seven (27) delegates to the convention would be
8 elected on a nonpartisan basis and would serve and be compensated as
9 provided by the law; now, therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Eighth
11 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, the Senate concurring, that
12 the Legislature directs the Board of Elections to submit to the voters of the
13 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands at the regular general
14 election in November 1993 the question "Shall there be a constitutional
15 convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?"; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House
18 Clerk and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this
19 joint resolution and thereafter transmit certified copies to the Board of
20 Elections and the Governor of the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands;

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