



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 81

Date: March 22, 1995

It is proposed that a constitutional amendment be prepared that does the following:

Changes the system of local government as follows:

(1) Establishes municipal government, with an elected mayor and municipal council, on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. Aguiguan would be a part of the Tinian municipality, as at present, and the Northern Islands would be a part of the Saipan municipality.

(2) Provides for local powers over enumerated local subjects as provided by the Commonwealth Legislature so that the local governments know exactly the areas over which they have control.

(3) Leaves all other subjects, not enumerated specifically for local government, to the Commonwealth.

(4) Provides taxing power for each municipality.

(5) Provides appropriation and expenditure power for each municipality with respect to revenues raised by local taxes.

(6) Removes the power of the Commonwealth Legislature to enact local laws.

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(described by the Governor in his speech on March 22, 1995, and submitted as a courtesy to put this proposal before the delegates)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. II, Sec. 6; Art. VI, Sec. 2; Art. VI, Sec. 3; Art. VI, Sec. 6; Art. VI, Sec. 7; Art. VI, Sec. 8

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None