Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention _______



Delegate Proposal No. 14

Date: April 30, 1995

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

Changes the legislature from a full-time body serving year-round to a part-time body serving one month in the spring and one month in the fall of each year.

Deletes the provision for meetings of the legislature at the call of the presiding officers.

Changes the compensation system from an annual salary to a monthly salary when the legislature is in session and for sessions actually attended.

Changes the provision for the compensation commission to consider salary increases for the legislature so that its members are appointed by the Governor.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. II, Sec. 10; Art. II, Sec. 13

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. II, Sec. 4(a) (need to be sure legislature is in session for reapportionment); Art. II, Sec. 7(c) (need to provide for consideration of vetoed legislation); Art. II, Sec. 7(d); Art. II, Sec. 16 (budget ceiling may change)