



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 16

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

Reduces the number of members of the House of Representatives to 9; with 7 from Saipan, 1 from Rota, and 1 from Tinian.

Reduces the cap of 20 members to 10 members of the House of Representatives which allows an increase of 1 member to be provided by legislation as population changes occur.

Provides that all elections for the House of Representatives are at-large on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. II, Sec. 3(a)(b); Art. II, Sec. 4

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. II, Sec. 14(a) (3/4 supermajority of the members will not work with a total of 9 members); Art. II, Sec. 16 (reducing the size of the legislature may affect the budget ceiling).