

Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

Delegate Proposal No. 54

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

Reduces the size of the House from 18 to 11, with 9 from Saipan and the Northern Islands, 1 from Tinian and Aguiguan, and 1 from Rota.

Provides that all elections for the House shall be at-large on an island-wide basis.

Increases the age requirement to run for this office from 21 to 25.

Limits the term of members of the House to three terms.

Requires five years residency in the CNMI before running for office.

Provides that when there is a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint the next highest vote-getter within 30 days, regardless of when in the term the vacancy occurs.

Deletes the language permitting a separate election district if the population of the Northern Islands reaches 1,000 persons.

Repeals the redistricting section.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. II, Sec. 3; Art. II, Sec. 4