



# Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention -201-

Delegate Proposal No. 118

Date: May 15, 1995

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

Deletes the current provisions with respect to the courts and jurisdiction of the judicial branch.

Provides that the judicial branch consists of a Supreme Court and a Superior Court.

Provides that the Supreme Court consists of a Chief Justice and at least two Associate Justices appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Provides that the Superior Court consists of a Presiding Judge and at least two Associate Judges appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Provides that the Superior Court has original jurisdiction over all civil and criminal actions, including such writs and orders necessary to the full exercise of its powers.

Provides that the Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction over the final judgments and orders of the Superior Court, including such writs and orders necessary to the full exercise of its powers.

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(proposed by the Supreme Court as a legislative initiative, and submitted as a courtesy to put this proposal before the delegates)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. IV, Sec. 1; Art. IV, Sec. 2; Art. IV, Sec. 3

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None