



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention -202-

Delegate Proposal No. 119

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 appointment and qualification of judges.

Provides that judges shall be 35 years of age, be a citizen of the United States, and possess other qualifications provided by law.

For the first term, a judge shall be appointed by the Governor and serve 6 years.

For subsequent terms, the question whether to retain the judge shall be put on the ballot. The judge shall be retained if 50% or more of the votes cast are in the affirmative. If retained, the judge shall serve 12 years.

Judges may serve until the age of 70.

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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. 4

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None