Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention



Delegate Proposal No. 121

Date: May 15, 1995

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

Deletes the current provision for rules for the judicial branch.

Provides that the authority to make rules for all courts is vested in the Supreme Court.

Provides that these rules may cover all aspects of procedure; the assignment of judges to hear cases on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian; the assignment of judges of one court to sit on another; the use of retired judges; the use of judges from other jurisdictions; attorney admission and discipline; submssion of budgets directly to the Legislature; fees; judicial and professional ethics; and other matters pertaining to judicial administration.

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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. 8 CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None