



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention -206-

Delegate Proposal No. 123

Date: May 15, 1995

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

Provides that judges must have been domiciled in the Commonwealth for at least 10 years (in addition to the political appointment process and the confirmation by the Senate).

Provides that judges must be members of the Northern Marianas Bar Association in good standing.

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, a judge shall serve 6 years.

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(proposed by the Legislature as a legislative initiative, which differs from the Court's proposal (#119), and submitted as a courtesy to put this proposal before the delegates)

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

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None