



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 128

Date: May 15, 1994

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

Provides that if the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court is absent from the Commonwealth, the next senior judge serves as acting Chief Justice or acting Presiding Judge.

Provides that if the Chief Justice or Presiding Judge is removed, dies, resigns, or retires during a term of office, the next senior judge shall assume that office until the vacancy can be filled.

If there is a vacancy during a term, the Governor would appoint a successor, who would be confirmed by the Senate.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. IV, adds a new section.

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None