



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 129

Date: May 15, 1995

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

Deletes the present budget ceiling on the Legislature of \$2.8 million.

Provides that the budget ceiling set by the Legislature may be changed annually by a composite price index prepared by the Director of Commerce ~~and Labor~~.

Any budget ceiling set by the Legislature for itself does not include: salaries of members, benefits for members, housing allowances, inter-island travel, and dues to regional and international organizations.

Deletes the present limit of \$700,000 on obligations and expenditures during an election year.

Provides that the limit is 25% of the annual appropriation, and does not include anything not included in the budget ceiling.

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(passed by the Legislature as a legislative initiative, and already sent to the Board of Elections, and submitted as a courtesy to put this proposal before the delegates)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. II, Sec. 16(a); Art. II, Sec. 16(b)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None