



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 212

Date: May 21, 1995

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

Restores the form of local government provided in the 1976 constitution.

Restores the powers of the Mayors to be consistent with the Commonwealth form of government:

- (1) promulgate regulations on local matters
- (2) expend for local public purposes the revenues raised by local taxes
- (3) appoint, supervise, and remove employees to assist in the performance of mayoral duties
- (4) advise the governor on local matters by recommending items for inclusion in the Commonwealth government; investigating local matters for recommendations to the governor; making recommendations relating to Commonwealth services

Provides that the functions of the mayor should be spelled out clearly in the constitution and the legislature should not be permitted to add or subtract from these functions.

Provides that the functions and responsibilities of the mayor specifically exclude:

- (1) the health service
- (2) immigration
- (3) federal funds
- (4) labor matters

and provides that the appointment of any personnel performing these functions, regardless of where they are resident, is the responsibility of the Executive Branch departments.

Deletes all constitutional provisions with respect to
Municipal Councils.

Ensures that the form of local government in each of the
three municipalities, Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, will be the same.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. VI, Sec. 2;
Art. VI, Sec. 3(b)(c)(d) and (e); Art. VI, Sec. 6, 7, 8

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. VI, Sec.
3(b); Art. VI, Sec. 5; Art. I, Sec. 9; Art. I, Sec. 17

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