



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 193

Date: May 30, 1995

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

Provides for expanded executive and legislative functions in local government:

(1) Executive power in a municipality is exercised by the Mayor. It includes:

- . enforcement of all local laws and ordinances
- . community and cultural affairs
- . business and commerce (under standardized guidelines developed by the Commonwealth Executive Branch)
- . appointment of municipal department heads, created by municipal ordinances
- . developing the municipal budget
- . island beautification
- . environmental protection

(2) The Mayor is elected on a non-partisan basis.

(3) Legislative power in a municipality is exercised by the Municipal Council. It includes:

- . enacting local laws and ordinances
- . confirming the appointment of municipal department heads
- . approving the municipal budget

(4) The Municipal Council is increased from 3 to 5 members

(5) Municipal Council members are full time and salaried, but their salaries must be paid from revenues generated by the municipality.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. VI, Sec. 3, 7; Art. III, Sec. 17

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None