



# Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 297

Date: May 30, 1995

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

Provides for the separation of the civil and criminal functions of the Attorney General's office as follows:

1. The office of Commonwealth Prosecutor would be established to handle all Commonwealth criminal cases.
2. The Commonwealth Prosecutor would be elected on a Commonwealth-wide basis.
3. The term of office would be four years.
4. Required qualifications would include
  - admission to practice in the CNMI
  - five years residency in the CNMI
  - U.S. citizenship
5. The salary would initially be the same as the Attorney General, but would be set by commission as provided in the constitution for other elected offices.

Amends the powers of the Attorney General to limit this office to civil legal matters.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. III, Sec. 11

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None