



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 298

Date: May 30, 1995

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

Revises the system of local government as follows:

Establishes three local governments by abolishing the separate local government for the Northern Islands and consolidating it with the local government for Saipan.

Provides that no new local governments may be established without the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the persons qualified to vote in the municipality where the new agency of local government will be established.

Specifies the powers and responsibilities of the Mayors as follows:

1. Submit items for inclusion in the Governor's budget
2. Secondary roads (primary roads would be the responsibility of the Commonwealth)
3. Senior citizens groups
4. Approval of public land leases of five hectares or less (approval of more than five hectares is the responsibility of the Commonwealth)
5. Coordination of all police and emergency personnel during emergencies, such as typhoons and other natural disasters
6. The Arts Council
7. Agricultural extension programs
8. Appoint the heads of all activities under the Mayor's jurisdiction

9. Be responsible for the expenditures of any funds appropriated by the Municipal Council or by the Commonwealth Legislature for the municipality

Specifies the powers and responsibilities of the Municipal Councils as follows:

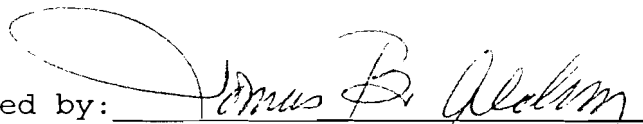
1. Enact laws that relate exclusively to the local matters of the municipality (one senatorial district), including those raising local taxes.

2. Confirm all appointments made by the Mayor to head activities under the Mayor's jurisdiction.

3. Review and approve the Mayor's budget before it is submitted to the Governor.

4. With respect to any revenues raised by local taxes within the municipality, make appropriations of such revenues.

Submitted by:



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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. VI

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. II, Sec. 6