

Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 308

Date: June 1, 1995

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

Deletes the provision for a five-year credit with respect to the retirement system.

Deletes the provision restricting re-employment after retirement to 60 days per year, and substitutes a provision that no retiree receiving retirement benefits from the Retirement Fund may be reemployed by the government without losing his or her benefit on employment. This does not include benefits as a surviving spouse.

Provides that beneficiaries of the Retirement Fund may be hired as classroom teachers, nurses, doctors, and essential hospital staff (not including administrative staff such as accountants or secretaries) without losing his or her pension, but no additional retirement benefits would be payable for that employment unless the beneficiary opted at the time of employment to forego his or her pension benefit during that employment.

Provides that beneficiaries of the Retirement Fund who are elected to full-time public office must choose between receiving the government salary for the elected office, or the retirement benefits. Public officials may not receive both. If the public official elects to receive retirement benefits, then the salary for that public office must be paid to the retirement fund. the public official elects to receive the salary, then no retirement benefits will be paid until the public official retires again.

Submitted by:

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. III, Sec.20(b)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None