

**FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2007**

**H. L. I. NO. 15-13**

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**A HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE**

To amend Article III, section 4 of the Constitution of the Northern Marianas Islands.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           Section 1.   Legislative Initiative.   The Fifteenth Northern Marianas  
2 Commonwealth Legislature, by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of  
3 each house present and voting, hereby proposes the following amendment to Article III,  
4 section 4 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to be placed before the  
5 people for ratification at the next general election:

6                           **A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

7                           “Section 4: Joint Election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

8                           The governor and lieutenant governor shall be elected at large within the  
9 Commonwealth for a term of office of four years. The governor and lieutenant  
10 governor shall be elected jointly with each voter casting a single vote applicable to  
11 both offices. ~~No person may be elected governor more than twice.”~~”

12           Section 2.   Adoption and Transmittal.   The Speaker of the House and the  
13 President of the Senate shall certify, and the Clerks of the House and Senate shall attest to  
14 the passage of this Legislative Initiative. The House Clerk shall then cause the Initiative  
15 to be transmitted to the Governor and the Board of Elections. Pursuant to Article XVIII,  
16 Section 5 of the Commonwealth Constitution, the Board shall place this Legislative  
17 Initiative, with the Findings and Purpose section herein, before the people of the  
18 Commonwealth for ratification vote in the next regular general election.

Date: February 20, 2007

Introduced By: /s/ Rep. Crispin M. Ogo

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Jose A. Bermudes  
House Legal Counsel