

THIRD CHUUK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Committee on Style & Arrangement
Weno, Chuuk State
Federated States of Micronesia

SCR No. : 3-24
COMMITTEE : S & A
DATE : 09/27/04

The Honorable Camillo Noket
President
Third State Constitutional Convention
Weno, Chuuk State, FM 96942

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Style and Arrangement, to which was referred Committee Proposal No.3-05, entitled:

"A COMMITTEE PROPOSAL amending Section 7 of Article VI of the State Constitution by making the candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant governor run on separate tickets.",

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

Your Committee recommends that the Convention, through its Plenary, pass this Committee Proposal, with the changes discussed herein, in final reading, such changes are being incorporated as part of the entire submission of the same, and as indicated and designated as your Committee Draft One. It is also recommended that this report be also adopted.

II. ANALYSIS:

A. History.

This Committee Proposal came out from Delegate Proposals Nos. 3-20 and 3-50, relating to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor to run on separate tickets, instead of one, as is currently the case.

B. **Findings.**

It is clear that the above proposals seek to have candidates running for governor and lieutenant governor run separately **and not as one ticket**. The word **ticket**, if not clarified in this proposal could cause problem. As practiced in other countries, the word "**ticket**" implies that two or more people are running together, or are candidates offered by the same party.

The word pluralities should also be replaced, because it means "the highest vote total, and it is impossible to have two candidates with the highest vote total, and be phrased in a way so that it is clear that in the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that office he or she seeks, the two highest vote-getters will face each other in a runoff election.

C. **Amendments.**

All of the above proposed changes and others that are not being discussed herein, are all clearly indicated and shown on the copy, attached hereunder, as part of the entire submission on this proposal. It is indicated as Draft One of your Committee, and being recommended for favorable action by the Plenary.

III. **CONCLUSION:**

With all the above, your Committee recommends that the Convention pass Committee Proposal No. 3-05 in the Draft One version as Style and Arrangement Committee No. f3-05;SD1, attached herewith as its submission. It is also recommended that this report be also adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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