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Activists burn draft in protest

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THREE elected Sha Tin District Board Members yesterday set fire to a copy of the draft Basic Law in front of the New China News Agency's local headquarters in Wan Chai in protest over the political system proposed for post-1997 Hongkong.

The Reverend Fung Chi-wood, Dr John Young Yilung and Mr Lee Po-ming also demanded that all Hongkong members on the Beijing-appointed Basic Law Drafting Committee's political sub-group resign.

The liberal activists said a referendum should be conducted to allow Hongkong residents a free choice over the pace of political reform.

New China News Agency officials, who in the past have warned against such acts of defiance as burning copies of the draft Basic Law, refused to receive the petition.