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U. S. JUDICIAL AUTHORITY

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. The Northern Mariana Islands shall constitute a judicial district. There shall be in the judicial district of the Northern Mariana Islands a district court which shall be a court of record known as the "United States District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands" [which shall be a court of the United States and a district court of the United States]. [The judicial district of the Northern Mariana Islands shall be within the same judicial circuit as is the judicial district of Hawaii.]

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. The President shall nominate and, by and with the advise and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a district judge for the judicial district of the Northern Mariana Islands, who shall hold office for a term of eight years, and until a successor is chosen and qualified, unless sooner removed by the President for cause.

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. The United States District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands shall have the same jurisdiction as a United States District Court for a district within a state.

In addition, the United States District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands shall have the jurisdiction conferred on it by Section [305] of this [Agreement], and such original and appellate jurisdiction as the Constitution or laws of the Northern Mariana Islands may provide.

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. [For purposes of appeals from decisions of the courts of appeals to the Supreme Court, for purposes of review by the Supreme Court of final judgments or decrees, and] [f]or purposes of the original jurisdiction of the district courts based on diversity of citizenship, the Northern Mariana Islands shall be treated as if it were a State. The laws of the United States which govern relations between the courts of the United States and the courts of the several States with respect to appeals, certiorari, removal of causes, issuance of writs of habeas corpus, and other matters or proceedings shall govern the relations between the courts of the United States and the [local] courts of the Northern Mariana Islands as if the Northern Mariana Islands were a State.

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. [U. S. judicial authority sections become effective at the same time as the applicability of laws formula becomes effective.]