

TITLE II

United States Citizenship and Nationality

Section 201. Except as otherwise provided in Section 202, the following persons and their children under the age of 18 years on the effective date of this Section, who are not citizens or nationals of the United States under any other provisions of law, and who have taken no affirmative steps to preserve or acquire foreign nationality, are declared to be citizens of the United States:

(a) All persons born in the Northern Mariana Islands who are citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands on the day preceeding the effective date of this Section, and who on that date reside or are domiciled in the Northern Mariana Islands or in any area in or under the jurisdiction of the United States;

(b) All persons who are citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands on the day preceeding the effective date of this Section, who have been domiciled continuously in the Northern Mariana Islands for at least five years immediately prior to that data, and who, unless under age, have registered to vote in district elections in the Mariana Islands district prior to January 1, 1975; and

(c) All persons who are not citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and who do not owe allegiance to any foreign state, who are domiciled in the Northern Mariana

Islands on the day preceeding the effective date of this Section and who have been so domiciled continuously since at least January 1, 1974.

Section 202. Any person who becomes a citizen of the United States solely by virtue of the provisions of Section 201 may within six months after the effective date of that Section or within six months after reaching the age of 18 years, which ever date is the latter, become a national but not a citizen of the United States by making a declaration under oath before any federal court or a court of general jurisdiction in the Commonwealth in the form as follows:

"I ..... being duly sworn, hereby declare my intention to be a national but not a citizen of the United States."

Section 203. All persons born in the Commonwealth on or after the effective date of this Section and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, shall be citizens of the United States.