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TITLE X

Delegate and Resident Commissioner

Section 1001. (a) At such time as the population of the Northern Mariana Islands exceeds 50,000 persons, or sooner as determined by the Congress of the United States, the qualified electors of the Northern Mariana Islands shall choose a Delegate from the Northern Mariana Islands to the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.

(b) The Delegate from the Northern Mariana Islands shall be entitled to receive official recognition by all the departments and agencies of the Government of the United States upon presentation through the Department of State of a certificate of election from the popularly elected governor. The Delegate shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of office as a Representative in the House of Representatives, but shall have no vote on the floor of the House. In all other respects, those provisions of law applicable to the Delegate from the Territory of Guam shall apply in like manner to the Delegate from the Northern Mariana Islands.

Section 1001. Until such time as a Delegate has been selected pursuant to Section 1001, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands may appoint, or provide by law for the election of, a Resident Commissioner to the United States, whose term of office shall be determined by the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands and who shall be entitled to receive official recognition as such Commissioner by all of the departments and agencies of the Government of the United States upon presentation through the Department of State of a certificate of selection from the popularly elected governor. The United States shall provide the Resident Commissioner with the same salary and financial assistance as is provided to the Delegate from the Territory of Guam.