

1. such election shall not contain any reference to or
2. designation of the political party or affiliation of any
3. candidate. The Election Commissioner shall, upon receipt
4. of the nomination paper, endorse thereon the day, hour
5. and minute that such nomination paper is received.
6. (b) In case of a tie vote in the election of delegates, the
7. candidates so tied shall draw lots under the supervision
8. of the Election Commissioner to determine which of them
9. shall be selected as delegates.
10. (c) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the
11. election for such delegates shall be conducted, the
12. returns made, the results ascertained, and the certifi-
13. cates of persons elected to be delegates to such conven-
14. tion issued in the same manner as it prescribed under
15. 2.32 of the Northern Mariana Islands Code governing
16. elections for the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.
17. (d) The Convention shall be the sole judge of the qualifica-
18. tions of delegates.
19. Section 7. Vacancies. Vacancies for any elected delegate shall be filled
20. by the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes in
21. the election of delegates from the same electoral precinct. If
22. the next delegate in line refuses or is not available to serve,
23. thereof, and, if the runner-up list is exhausted, the Mayor of
24. the Municipality from which the successful delegate was elected
25. shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy.