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ARTICLE V: REPRESENTATION
IN THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON-REPRESENTATIVE

Section 1: Washington Representative to the United States.

A Washington representative to the United States shall be elected to represent the Commonwealth in the United States and to perform such those related duties as are provided by law. The governor shall certify provide promptly to the United States Department of State and to the representative the representative's election-by-providing a certificate certification of selection. to-the-United-States-Department-of-State-and-to-the-representative-

Section 2: Term of Office.

The term of office of the representative shall be two (2) years unless it is increased to no more than four (4) years by popular initiative pursuant to article IX, of-this-Constitution section 1.

Section 3: Qualifications.

The representative shall be a qualified to voter of in the Commonwealth, a United-States citizen of the United States, at least twenty-five years of age and a resident and domiciliary in of the Commonwealth for at least seven years immediately preceding his-election, the date on which the representative shall take office. A different period of residence and domicile may be provided by law. No A person convicted of a felony in the Commonwealth or in any area

place under the jurisdiction of the United States shall not be eligible for ~~this~~ office unless ~~he has received a full~~ pardon a full pardon has been granted.

Section 4: Annual Report. The representative shall submit a written report by ~~January 15~~ the second Monday of January of each year to the governor and legislature of the Commonwealth:--~~Such report shall summarize~~ on the representative's official activities ~~on behalf of the Commonwealth~~ during the preceding year and matters ~~identify any problems~~ requiring the attention of the ~~Commonwealth~~ government and ~~the Northern Marianas~~ or people of the Commonwealth.

Section 5: Compensation. The representative shall receive an annual salary and reasonable allowances for expenses as provided by law. ~~Such compensation~~ The salary shall ~~neither~~ not be increased nor ~~diminished~~ decreased during the representative's a term of office.

Section 6: Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Washington representative to the United States ~~shall be filled by special election if more than one half of the term remains;--If less than one half of the term remains,~~ the governor shall appoint a successor with the advice and consent of the ^{legislature} ~~senate.~~