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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4

It is proposed that article IV, section 4 be amended to read as follows:

Section 4: Jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. The United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands shall have trial and appellate jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases ~~to the extent that such jurisdiction is not vested in the courts of the Commonwealth by this article or by the legislature acting pursuant to this article.~~ concurrent with that of the courts of the Commonwealth. When the District Court sits as an appellate court to hear appeals from the Commonwealth trial court or from the District Court sitting as trial court, it shall consist of three judges, at least one of whom shall be a judge regularly assigned to a division of the Commonwealth trial court that functions as a court of record.

Offered by,

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