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PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2,  
SUBSECTIONS a) and b)

It is proposed that article II, section 2, subsections a) and b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Composition of the Senate.

a) The senate shall consist of ~~nine-(9)~~ six members with ~~three-(3)~~ two members elected at large from Rota, ~~three-(3)~~ two members elected at large from Saipan and the islands north of it, and ~~three-(3)~~ two members elected at large from Tinian and Agiguan. The term of office for senator shall be four years except that the ~~candidate~~ senator receiving the ~~third-highest~~ lower number of votes in the first election for senator on each island pursuant to this section shall serve a term of two years.

b) The senate shall be increased to ~~twelve~~ eight members and ~~three~~ two members shall be elected from the islands north of Saipan at the first regular general election after the population of these islands exceeds one thousand persons. The senator receiving the ~~third-highest~~ lower number of votes in the first such election shall serve for two years.

Offered by,

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