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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2

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

Section 2: Composition of the Senate.

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

~~b) The Senate shall be increased to twelve members and three members shall be elected from the island 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 number of votes in the first such election shall serve for two years.~~

a) The Senate shall consist of nine members with three members elected at large from each of three senatorial districts. The first senatorial district shall consist of Rota, the second senatorial district shall consist of Tinian and Agiguan, and the third senatorial district shall consist of Saipan and the islands north of it. The senate shall be increased to twelve members and three members shall be elected at large from a fourth senatorial district consisting of the islands north of Saipan at the first regular general election

after the population of these islands exceeds one thousand persons.

b) The term of office for senator shall be four years except that the candidate receiving third highest number of votes in the first election in each senatorial district shall serve a term of two years.

c) A senator shall be a qualified ~~voter~~ to vote in of the Commonwealth, ~~a United States citizen or national~~, at least twenty-five years of age, and a resident and domiciliary for at least five years immediately preceding ~~his~~ election. A longer residency and domicile requirement may be provided by law.

Offered by,

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Committee