

Amendment No. 73

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article II, section 3 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives

a) The house of representatives shall consist of ~~thirty~~ nineteen ~~members~~ representatives with ~~twenty-five~~ sixteen ~~members~~ representatives from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, ~~three~~ two ~~members~~ representatives from Rota and ~~two~~ one ~~member~~ representative from Tinian and Agiguan. ~~provided, however, that~~ The number of representatives may be increased by law to not more than ~~forty~~ twenty-five. The term of office for representative shall be two years.

e) b) For purposes of electing representatives Rota shall constitute one electoral district, Tinian and Agiguan shall constitute one ~~electoral~~ district, and Saipan and the islands north of Saipan shall constitute ~~one electoral district, and Saipan shall be divided into~~ six electoral districts. ~~for the election of representatives.~~ The legislature may change the number and boundaries of the such ~~electoral~~ districts only ~~uses for~~ ~~electing representatives but no district on Rota and Saipan shall consist of more than one island. For ten years following the effective date of this Constitution, the legislature shall not change the electoral districts on Saipan and the islands north of Saipan~~ except pursuant to its duties under section 4 of this article. When the population of the islands north of Saipan

equals or exceeds the number of persons represented by any member of the house of representatives these islands shall constitute a separate district electing one representative.

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

Offered by,

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Committee