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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 senate.

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ARTICLE XIII: EMINENT DOMAIN

Section 1: Eminent Domain Power. The Commonwealth may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law to acquire private property necessary for the accomplishment of a public purpose.

Section 2: Limitations. Private property may not be taken without just compensation. Private land may be taken only if no suitable public land is available for the accomplishment of the public purpose.

Section 3: Statutes of Limitations. The legislature ~~may~~ shall study whether to repeal any statute of limitation currently in force in the Commonwealth with respect to land in order for the Commonwealth to provide compensation for past transactions. Such compensation to be provided by the Commonwealth shall be in priority with respect to the distribution of public lands but shall not affect any right in property that vested pursuant to the repealed statute of limitations.

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