

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE II SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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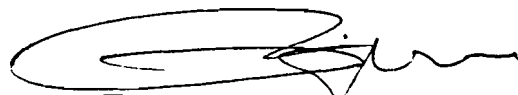
Section 3 (a) THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE SHALL CONSIST OF FOURTEEN MEMBERS WITH TEN MEMBERS ELECTED FROM SAIPAN AND THE ISLANDS TO THE NORTH, TWO MEMBERS ELECTED FROM ROTA AND TWO MEMBERS ELECTED FROM TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN. THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE INCREASED BY LAW. THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE TWO YEARS.

b) NO PERSON SHALL BE A MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE WHO SHALL NOT HAVE ATTAINED TO THE AGE OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, AND BEEN TEN YEARS RESIDENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, A CITIZEN OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OR OF THE UNITED STATES, OF A SOUND MIND AND OF A PERSON OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS DECENT. NO PERSON CONVICTED OF FELONY MAYBE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS OFFICE UNLESS A FULL PARDON HAS BEEN GRANTED.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING REPRESENTATIVE, ROTA SHALL CONSTITUTE ONE DISTRICT, TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN ONE DISTRICT AND SAIPAN AND ISLANDS TO THE NORTH SHALL CONSTITUTE FOUR DISTRICTS. COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LEGISLATURE MAY CHANGE REDISTRICTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF THIS ARTICLE, WHEN THE POPULATION OF THE ISLANDS NORTH OF SAIPAN EXCEED ONE THOUSAND, THEY SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE DISTRICT ELECTING TWO REPRESENTATIVES.

c) SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE SHALL HAVE NO
VOTE, BUT MAY VOTE ONLY IN CASE OF A TIE.

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