

A PROPOSAL

To amend Section 2(c) and Section 3(c) of Article II; Section 2 of Article III; Section 3 of Article V; and Section 2(a) of Article VI of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to qualification requirement.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 2(c) of Article II of the Northern Marianas
2 Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 2: Composition of the Senate.

4 "c) A senator shall be qualified to vote in the
5 Commonwealth, at least twenty-five years of age, a person
6 of Northern Marianas descent, and a resident and domiciliary
7 of the Commonwealth for at least five years immediately
8 preceding the date on which the senator takes office. A
9 longer residency and domicile requirement may be provided
10 by law."

11 Section 2. Section 3(c) of Article II of the Northern Marianas
12 Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 "Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives.

14 "c). A representative shall be qualified to vote in the
15 Commonwealth, at least twenty-one years of age, a person
16 of Northern Marianas descent, and a resident and domiciliary
17 of the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately
18 preceding the date on which the representative takes office.
19 A longer residency and domicile requirement may be provided
20 by law."

21 Section 3. Section 2 of Article III of the Northern Marianas

1 Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 "Section 2: Qualifications of the Governor. The governor
3 shall be qualified to vote in the Commonwealth, at least
4 thirty years of age, a person of Northern Marianas descent,
5 and a resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth for at
6 least seven years immediately preceding the date on which
7 the governor takes office. A different period of residence
8 and domicile may be provided by law. No person convicted
9 of a felony in the Commonwealth or in any area under the
10 jurisdiction of the United States may be eligible for this
11 office unless a full pardon has been granted."

12 Section 4. Section 3 of Article V of the Northern Marianas
13 Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 "Section 3: Qualifications. The representative shall be
15 qualified to vote in the Commonwealth, ~~a citizen of the~~
16 ~~United States,~~ a person of Northern Marianas descent, at
17 least twenty-five years of age, and a resident and domici-
18 liary of the Commonwealth for at least seven years
19 immediately preceding the date on which the representative
20 takes office. A different period of residence and domicile
21 may be provided by law. No person convicted of a felony
22 in the Commonwealth or in any area under the jurisdiction
23 of the United States may be eligible for this office unless
24 a full pardon has been granted."

25 Section 5. Section 2(a) of Article VI of the Northern Marianas

1 Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 "Section 2: Election of Mayor.

3 "a) A mayor shall be qualified to vote in the
4 Commonwealth, at least twenty-five years of age, a person
5 of Northern Marianas descent, a resident and domiciliary
6 of the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately
7 preceding the date on which the mayor takes office, and
8 shall meet other qualifications provided by law. No person
9 convicted of a felony in the Commonwealth or in an area
10 under the jurisdiction of the United States may be eligible
11 for this office unless a full pardon has been granted."

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