

A PROPOSAL

To amend Section 5 of Article IV of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to Appointment and Qualifications.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Section 1. Section 4 of Article IV of the Northern Marianas Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Appointment Election and Qualifications. ~~The governor shall appoint judges of the Commonwealth courts with the advice and consent of the senate shall be elected at large within the Commonwealth for a term of office for six years. The term of office shall be six years and may be increased by law to not more than twelve years for judges who have served at least one term.~~ A judge shall be thirty years of age, a citizen or national of the United States, a resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth for at least seven years immediately preceding the date on which the judge takes office, and possess other qualifications provided by law. In the event of a vacancy, the governor shall fill it until such vacancy is filled by election. A judge may be elected for no more than four times."

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