

MEMO

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SUBJECT: Downsizing of the Legislature  
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Welcome to the legal team!

There are several proposals to downsize the Legislature. Each proposal provides at least one representative for Rota and for Tinian. The Supreme Court has permitted some deviation from a strict "one person - one vote" rule if supported by legitimate state objectives, such as maintaining the political integrity of local communities. See Brown v. Thomson, 77 L.Ed.2d 214 and Sablan v. The Northern Marianas Board of Elections, 1 CR 741. A copy of these cases is attached for your convenience.

Would you develop arguments and gather materials to support those arguments that would justify giving Tinian and Rota their own seats in the House. I would begin with emphasizing their historical and political separate evolution following contact.

Attach.

