

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 1: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

§ 1103. Commonwealth Legislature: House of Representatives.

(a) The House of Representatives consists of 14 members with 12 members elected from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, one member elected from Rota, and one member elected from Tinian and Aguiguan. For purposes of electing representatives, Rota shall constitute one district, Tinian and Aguiguan shall constitute one district, and Saipan and the islands north of Saipan shall constitute six districts.

(b) The term of office for representative is two years.

(c) A representative shall be qualified to vote in the Commonwealth, at least 21 years of age, and a resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately preceding the date on which the representative takes office.

Source: N.M.I. Const. art. II, § 3.

Commission Comment: 1985 Constitutional Amendment 4 added the requirement that a “candidate for the House of Representatives shall be a registered voter of the election precinct where he or she is a candidate.” For qualifications for voting, see 1 CMC § 6201; for the definition of and criteria for determining “domicile,” see 1 CMC §§ 6202-6204.