

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 1: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

§ 1104. Commonwealth Legislature: Organization and Procedure.

Each house of the legislature shall:

(a) Convene for organizational purposes on Saipan at 11:00 a.m. on the second Monday of January in the year following the regular general election at which members of the legislature are elected and shall be a continuous body for the two years between these organizational meetings.

(b) Choose its presiding officer from among its members, establish the committees necessary for the conduct of its business, and promulgate rules of procedure.

(c) Meet in regular sessions as provided by its rules of procedure. Each house may also be convened at other times by its presiding officer or by the Governor. When meeting pursuant to a call by the Governor, the legislature shall consider only those subjects described in the call.

Source: N.M.I. Const. art. II, §§ 13, 14(b).

Commission Comment: N.M.I. Const. art. II, § 13 was amended by 1985 Constitutional Amendment 8, which provides, in part, that “[e]ach house shall meet in regular sessions for no more than ninety days each year, sixty days before April 1 and thirty days after July 31 of each calendar year, and may be convened at other times for not more than ten consecutive days upon request by its presiding officer or by the governor.”