

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 1: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

§ 1502. Findings and Purpose.

(a) In accordance with the mandate of N.M.I. Const. art. II, § 4(a), the legislature finds that based upon the increase in the population of the Commonwealth as reported by the Bureau of the Census, it is necessary to reapportion the seats in the House of Representatives in the municipality of Saipan.

(b) It is the purpose of this chapter to reapportion the seats in the House of Representatives in the municipality of Saipan in accordance with the best information available to the legislature at the time of enacting this legislation. In light of the substantial population increase in the Commonwealth (158.3 percent), and especially in the municipality of Saipan (167.3 percent), the legislature deems it necessary to reapportion in order to comply with the “one man-one vote” rule. The “one man-one vote” rule requires that each representative in the House of Representatives represent approximately an equal number of residents in the Commonwealth.

Source: PL 7-37, § 1 (§ 1502).