

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 6: ELECTIONS

§ 6331. Independent Nominations: Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

(a) The nomination of independent candidates is made by petition designating the persons seeking the nomination for Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be an independent ticket, and containing the signatures, printed names, residences, and mailing address of two-hundred (200) registered voters in the Commonwealth. Each petition shall be accompanied by the signature of the persons nominated, which shall constitute the nominees' assent to be candidates.

(b) All independent nomination petitions for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and the candidates' acceptances shall be filed with the Commission not more than one-hundred-twenty (120) days and not less than ninety (90) days prior to the general election.

Source: Repealed and reenacted by PL 12-18, § 2 (6331); subsection (b) amended by PL 12-55, § 2 (6331(b)).

Commission Comment: Section 6331 is similar to the former § 6321 (source: DL 5-19, § 11, modified) which was repealed (and reenacted) by PL 12-18, § 2.

PL 12-55, which became effective September 20, 2001, included the following findings:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds administrative necessity to require that candidates for elected offices within the Northern Mariana Islands file their nominating petitions earlier than the 90 days presently required by Public Law 12-18.