

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 1: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

**§ 1102. Commonwealth Legislature: Senate.**

(a) The Senate consists of nine members, with three members elected at large from each of three senatorial districts:

(1) First Senatorial District: Rota.

(2) Second Senatorial District: Tinian and Aguiguan.

(3) Third Senatorial District: Saipan, and the islands north of Saipan.

(b) The term of office for senator is four years.

(c) A senator shall be qualified to vote in the Commonwealth, at least 25 years of age, and a resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth for at least five years immediately preceding the date on which the senator takes office.

**Source:** N.M.I. Const. art. II, § 2.

**Commission Comment:** 1985 Constitutional Amendment 4 added the requirement that a “candidate for the senate shall be a registered voter in the senatorial district 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.