

- (a) be at least twenty-five years of age on the date of the election;
- (b) owe allegiance to the United States;
- (c) be an inhabitant of the Territory of American Samoa; and
- (d) not be, on the date of the election, a candidate for any other office.

(Pub. L. 95-556, §3, Oct. 31, 1978, 92 Stat. 2078; Pub. L. 95-584, §3, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2483.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-584 substituted allegiance requirement for provision requiring United States citizenship for at least seven years prior to the date of the election.

§ 1734. Territorial government; determination of election procedure

Acting pursuant to legislation enacted in accordance with section 9, article II of the American Samoan Revised Constitution, the territorial government will determine the order of names on the ballot for election of Delegate, the method by which a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate shall be conducted, the method by which ties between candidates for the office of Delegate shall be resolved, and all other matters of local application pertaining to the election and the office of Delegate not otherwise expressly provided for herein.

(Pub. L. 95-556, §4, Oct. 31, 1978, 92 Stat. 2078.)

§ 1735. Operation of Office; compensation, allowances, and benefits; privileges and immunities

Until the Rules of the House of Representatives are amended to provide otherwise, the Delegate from American Samoa shall receive the same compensation, allowances, and benefits as a Member of the House of Representatives, and shall be entitled to whatever privileges and immunities that are, or hereinafter may be, granted to the nonvoting Delegate from the Territory of Guam.

(Pub. L. 95-556, §5, Oct. 31, 1978, 92 Stat. 2078; Pub. L. 97-357, title IV, §401, Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1711.)

AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-357 struck out proviso limiting clerk hire allowance for Delegate from American Samoa to 50 per centum of clerk hire allowance of a Member of House of Representatives.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Section 401 of Pub. L. 97-357 provided that amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1983.

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SUBCHAPTER I—APPROVAL OF COVENANT AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS

§ 1801. Approval of Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, the text of which is as follows, is hereby approved.

(Pub. L. 94-241, §1, Mar. 24, 1976, 90 Stat. 263.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, referred to in text, which was contained in this section (section 1 of Pub. L. 94-241), is set out as a note below.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 1681 of this title.

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of this title.

APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP OR NATIONALITY AS PREREQUISITE OF ANY BENEFIT, RIGHT, ETC., TO CITIZENS OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Pub. L. 98-213, §§17-25, Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1463-1466, exempted citizens of Northern Mariana Islands from laws prohibiting United States Government from compensating or employing noncitizens and from requirement of United States citizenship in certain Federal laws providing Federal services or financial assistance to Northern Mariana Islands, authorized President to issue proclamations exempting citizens of Northern Mariana Islands from United States citizenship or nationality requirements of certain statutes, provided that if President failed to timely issue a proclamation,