

THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, JANUARY-MAY 2005

STATE OF KOSRAE

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 03-05-02, C.D. 1  
Ref. SCR. NO. 03-05-08  
Ref. Delegate Proposal No. 03-05-33

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A PROPOSAL

To require a statutory definition of the term “resident” to establish qualifications to serve as Senator, Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 That Article IV, Section 6 of the Kosrae State Constitution be amended as follows:

2 “Section 6. No person is eligible to serve as a Senator unless he has been, at the time of  
3 election or appointment, a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia for not less than ten  
4 years, a resident of the State for not less than Five consecutive years immediately preceding the  
5 election, and a resident of his electoral district for a period of not less than one year immediately  
6 preceding the election or appointment, and is able to read and write, and is not less than twenty-  
7 five years of age on the day of election. The term “resident” shall be defined by law. A person  
8 convicted of a felony is not eligible to serve as a Senator unless the person so convicted has  
9 received a pardon restoring his civil rights at least five years prior to election or appointment.”

10 That Section 4 of Article 5 be amended as follows:

11 “Section 4. No person is eligible for the office of the Governor unless he has been a  
12 resident of the State for at least ten years immediately preceding filing for office, is at least  
13 thirty-five years of age, a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, a Kosraean by birth, and  
14 a qualified voter of the State, and has not been convicted of a felony unless he has received a  
15 pardon restoring his civil rights at least five years prior to the election date. The term “resident”  
16 shall be defined by law.’

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18 A PROPOSAL OF THE THIRD KOSRAE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION