

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 6: ELECTIONS**

**§ 6321. Nominations: Governor and Lieutenant Governor.**

Any political party may nominate candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor by having its chairman and secretary certify to the Commission the names of the party's team of candidates not more than one-hundred-twenty (120) days and not less than ninety (90) days prior to the election. At the same time, the political party shall file a petition containing the signatures, printed names, residences and mailing addresses of not less than two-hundred (200) registered voters in support of the party's team of candidates. No person may sign more than one petition for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Each petition shall be accompanied by the signature of the person nominated, which shall constitute the nominee's assent to be a candidate.

**Source:** PL 12-18, § 2 (6321); amended by PL 12-55, § 2 (6321).

**Commission Comment:** Section 6321 is similar to the former § 6311 (source: DL 5-19, § 10, modified) which was repealed (and reenacted) by PL 12-18, § 2.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.