

**Virtual Intern Report
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Legislation Tracking

Senate Extends Term Of Electoral Magistrates



- (U) Under the reforms to the Organic Law of the Judiciary, the Senate approved to favor extending the terms of the newly appointed electoral magistrates. The motivation for the decision is based on a belief that the extension will allow for a “plurality of criteria” for the next selection process.
- On October 10, the Senate approved the appointment of seven electoral judges for the Federal Electoral Tribunal. The reform’s extension would be three years, causing the electoral magistrates assigned a three-year term to now serve six years and those with a six-year term will now serve for 8 years. However, according to PRD coordinator, Miguel Barbosa, this law will not apply retroactively.
- The reform would affect the appointment of judges Felipe Reyes Rodriguez Mondragon and Barrera Fuentes who will now serve eight years. Similarly, judges Jose Luis Vargas’ and Indalfer Infante’s terms would also be extended three years with an end date set for October 31, 2022.

Source 1

http://www.milenio.com/politica/magistrados_electorales-senadores-ampliacion_periodo-tepif_0_835716595.html

http://www.milenio.com/politica/senado-tribunal_electoral_poder_judicial_de_la_federacion-magistrados_0_832717015.html

Senator Begins A National Campaign For Citizen's Right to Arm



- (U) PAN senator Jorge Luis Preciado has initiated a national campaign to promote citizen's initiative to bear arms. The proposition would allow not only for the possession of weapons in homes, but also in businesses and cars. He and supporters see the initiative as a means to deter crime.
- Preciado has stated he requires a minimum of 120 thousand signatures in order to make legislators consider his initiative. He also plans to mobilize a movement on November 19th at the Monument to the Revolution, but is unsure of the number of participants that would attend.
- As of now, Preciado has gained support from associations such as Armed Mexico, the defense of Article 10 of the Constitution, and Mexicana Users Firearms. He also supports his initiative by referencing survey data indicating 59.3% of the population are in favor of carrying a weapon in vehicles and business and that 47% percent of the population remains unaware of their right to carry a weapon at home.

Source 2:

http://www.milenio.com/politica/jose_luis_preciado-portar_armas-piden_que_ciudadanos_porten_armas_0_835716702.html

http://www.milenio.com/politica/armas-jorge_luis_preciado-pan-delincuencia_0_824917605.html

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