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IF the much-awaited fight between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather would not materialize next year, Pacquiao plans to retire and aspires to be an executive (translation: he plans to run for the position of Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines in the presidential election of 2016).

### Qualifications of a candidate for Vice President

The Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides for qualifications of candidates for President and Vice President which are set forth below:

1. Section 3, Article VII, Executive Department provides as follows:

“There shall be a Vice President who shall have the same qualifications and term of office and be elected with and in the same manner as the President. He may be removed from office in the same manner as the President.”

2. Section 2, Article VII sets forth that no person may be elected President unless he is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines, a registered voter, able to read and write, at least 40 years of age on the day of the election, and a resident of the Philippines for at least 10 years

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immediately preceding such election.

3. Section 4, paragraph 2, Article VII states that no Vice President shall serve for more than two successive terms.

Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of the service for the full term for which he was elected.

### **Is Manny Pacquiao qualified to be a candidate for Vice President?**

He is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines, a registered voter, able to read and write, and a resident of the Philippines for at least 10 years immediately preceding the election.

Is he 40 years old on the day of the election in 2016?

According to Wikipedia, Pacquiao was born on Dec. 17, 1978.

On the presidential election of 2016, or five years from December 2011, he will be 38 years old!

He is definitely disqualified to run as a candidate for Vice President of the Philippines.

No wonder he changed his mind and said that he will not be a candidate for Vice President in 2016.

### **Qualifications of a candidate for Vice President in the U.S.**

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The Constitution of the United States provides in Section 1, Article II as follows:

The executive power shall be vested in the President of the United States.

He shall hold his office during the term of four years and, together with the Vice President chosen for the same term, be elected by electors of each state.

Paragraph 5 of Section 1, Article II sets forth the following qualifications of the President:

“No person except a natural-born citizen, or citizens of the United States at the time of the adoption of this Constitution shall be eligible to the Office of the President, neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of 35 years and been for 14 years a resident within the United States.”

The U.S. Constitution is silent on the qualifications of a candidate for Vice President.

It may be assumed that the Vice President should have the same qualifications of the candidate for President.

Or meeting the qualifications for senator since as an elected Vice President he will be the presiding officer of the U.S. Senate with the right to vote only in case of a tie.

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