

BILL NO. 31-0267

Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

November 23, 2015

An Act amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 41 regarding Boards of Election

PROPOSED BY: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 41 is amended as follows:

(a) By changing the title to: “Board of Elections”;

(b) In the second sentence of subsection (a), by striking all of the language after the second occurrence of “district” and inserting a sentence that read: “There is a single Board of Elections that governs both districts.”;

(c) In subsection (b): (1) by striking the first sentence and inserting “The Board consists of 14 members, seven from each district who may be the electors of each election district beginning with the 2016 general election.”; (2) by striking “St. Thomas-St. John” in the second sentence; and (3) by striking the last sentence and inserting “No more than four members of the same political party may represent a district, including individuals who are not affiliated with any political party.”

(d) In subsection (c), as follows:

(1) by striking “1986” and inserting “2016”;

- 1 (2) by striking “two (2)” and inserting “three”;
- 2 (3) by striking “three (3)” where it first appears and inserting “four”;
- 3 (4) by striking “1988” and inserting “2018”;
- 4 (5) by striking “three (3)” where it appears in the second instance and inserting
- 5 “two”; and
- 6 (6) by striking “four (4)” and inserting “three”.
- 7 (e) In subsection (d), by striking “a board” and inserting “the Board”;
- 8 (f) In subsection (e), by striking “each board” and inserting “the Board”;
- 9 (g) In subsection (g), by striking “a board” and inserting “the Board”; by striking “part
- 10 thereof spent” and inserting “at least one-half of the time of the entire meeting”; by striking “\$85”
- 11 and inserting “\$125”; and by striking “\$100” and inserting “\$150”; and
- 12 (h) In subsection (h), by striking “each” and inserting “the”; and by striking “ a majority
- 13 of its members” and inserting “at least four members from each district”.

BILL SUMMARY

14 The bill eliminates the Board of election for the St. Thomas/St. John district and Board of

15 Election for the district of St. Croix and provides for a single board of comprising 14 members and

16 provides that a quorum consists of at least four members from each district.

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