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BILL NO. 30-0023

Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

April 5, 2013

An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 83, to require an assessment of the cadastral and land records housed in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

PROPOSED BY: Senators Myron D. Jackson and Shawn-Michael Malone
Co-Sponsors: Donald G. Cole, Kenneth L. Gittens,
Janette Millin Young, Clarence Payne III and Craig W. Barshinger

1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 83, section 2362 is amended by
3 adding subsection (d) to read as follows:

4 “(d) In addition to the duties outlined in this section, every five years, the Office of
5 the Lieutenant Governor in collaboration with the Territorial Archivist of the Department of
6 Planning and Natural Resources shall conduct an assessment of the cadastral and land records
7 housed in his office, detailing the physical condition, location and accessibility of the
8 cadastral and land records of the territory to the public. The Office of the Lieutenant
9 Governor shall in its annual budget include an amount necessary to facilitate the assessment.

10 This amount must meet the obligations required to complete a full assessment of the status of
11 the land and cadastral records of the Territory. In keeping with Article 1, page 28 of the

1 Convention between the United States and Denmark, Treaty Series No. 629, 39 Stat. 1706 in
2 order to facilitate this assessment, the Lieutenant Governor's Office shall seek assistance from
3 the Danish Archives, United States National Archives and the Territorial Archives offices. At
4 the conclusion of the assessment, the Lieutenant Governor's office shall create a strategic plan
5 to address the issues discovered based on the assessment and publish every five years the
6 findings and collections of records under the management of the Lieutenant Governor's
7 Office for submission to the Territorial Archivist."

8 **BILL SUMMARY**

9 This bill amends title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 83, section 2362 adding
10 subsection (d) to conduct an assessment every five years, of the cadastral and land records
11 housed in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.
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