

ACT NO. 7892

BILL NO. 31-0267

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2016

An Act amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 41 regarding Boards of Elections to establish a single Board of Elections

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 41 is amended in the following instances:

- (a) The title is amended to read: "Board of Elections".
- (b) Subsection (a) is amended by striking all of the language in the subsection and inserting new language that reads as follows: "There is a single Board of Elections that governs both election districts."
- (c) Subsection (b) is amended by striking all of the language in the subsection and inserting new language that reads as follows: "The Board consists of fourteen members; seven from each district, who are elected by the electors of each election district beginning with the 2018 general election. 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) Subsection (c) is amended by:
 - (1) striking "1986" and inserting "2018";
 - (2) striking "two (2)" and inserting "three";
 - (3) striking "three (3)" where it first appears and inserting "four";
 - (4) striking "1988" and inserting "2020";

and (5) striking "three (3)" where it appears in the second instance and inserting "two";

(6) striking "four (4)" and inserting "three".

(e) Subsection (d) is amended by striking "a board" and inserting "the Board";

(f) Subsection (e) is amended by striking "each board" and inserting "the Board";

(g) Subsection (g) is amended by striking "a board" and inserting "the Board"; by striking "part thereof spent" and inserting "at least one-half of the time of the entire meeting"; by striking "\$85" and inserting "\$125"; and by striking "\$100" and inserting "\$150".

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on June 29, 2016.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 15th Day of July, A.D., 2016.



Neville James

Neville James
President

Myron D. Jackson

Myron D. Jackson
Legislative Secretary



Bill No. 31-0267 is hereby approved.

**Witness my hand and the Seal of the
Government of the United States
Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, this 30th day of July, 2016 A.D.**

Kenneth E. Mapp

**Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor**