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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 to establish a single board of elections

PROPOSED BY: Senators Kenneth L. Gittens, Kurt Vialet and Justin Harrigan ,Sr.,

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

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

4 (a) The title is amended to read: “Board of Elections”.

5 (b) Subsection (a) is amended by striking all of the language in the subsection and
6 inserting new language that reads as follows: “There is a single board of elections that governs both
7 election districts.”

8 (c) Subsection (b) is amended by striking all of the language in the subsection and
9 inserting new language that reads as follows: “The Board consists of fourteen members; seven from
10 each district, who are elected by the electors of each election district beginning with the 2018 general

1 election. No more than four members of the same political party may represent a district, including
 2 individuals who are not affiliated with any political party.”

3 (d) Subsection (c) is amended by:

4 (1) striking “1986” and inserting “2018”;

5 (2) striking “two (2)” and inserting “three”;

6 (3) striking “three (3)” where it first appears and inserting “four”;

7 (4) striking “1988” and inserting “2020”;

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

9 and

10 (6) striking “four (4)” and inserting “three”.

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

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

13 (g) Subsection (g) is amended by striking “a board” and inserting “the Board”; by striking
 14 “part thereof spent” and inserting “at least one-half of the time of the entire meeting”; by striking
 15 “\$85” and inserting “\$125”; and by striking “\$100” and inserting “\$150”.

16 **SECTION 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.”

17 **BILL SUMMARY**

18 The bill eliminates the joint and district boards of elections and provides for a single board
 19 comprising of fourteen members. The bill sets January 1, 2017 as the effective date of the Act.
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