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BILL NO. 33-0210

Thirty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands

October 18, 2019

An Act amending title 30, chapter 5, subchapter II, sections 103 and 104 of the Virgin Islands Code by establishing minimum criteria for the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Governing Board and changing the number of its members

PROPOSED BY: Senators Alicia V. Barnes and Kenneth L. Gittens
Co-sponsors: Stedmann Hodge, Jr., Marvin A. Blyden
and Javan E. James

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 30, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, subchapter II, section 103 is
3 amended as follows:

4 (a) Subsection (a), is amended

5 (1) in the first sentence by:

6 (A) Striking “six” and inserting “eight” in its place;

7 (B) Striking “three” and inserting “one” in its place;

8 (C) Inserting “following” before the word “heads”; and

9 (D) Striking “cabinet level” where it appears before “executive
10 departments”; and inserting “the Director of the Virgin Islands Energy Office, the
11 Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, or the

1 Commissioner of the Department of Public Works” at the end of the first sentence
2 after the word “agencies”.

3 (2) In the second sentence by:

4 (A) Striking the word “three” in the two instances in which it appears
5 and inserting “four” in its place; and

6 (B) Inserting “no more than two of the non-governmental board
7 members from each district, may reside outside of the territory”.

8 (3) In the sixth sentence by:

9 (A) Inserting “the” before the word “government”; and

10 (B) striking “members” and inserting “member”

11 (4) In the seventh sentence by:

12 (A) Striking “No” and inserting “The” in its place; and

13 (B) Inserting the word “not” between the words “shall” and “be”; and in
14 the eighth sentence by: striking “\$50.00” and inserting “\$100” in its place.

15 (b) Subsection (c) is added to read as follows:

16 “(c) Appointed members of the governing board must have formal education and
17 experience in at least one of the following:

18 (1) Engineering, Power Generation, Energy, Natural Resources Conservation,
19 Environmental Science or Planning;

20 (2) Economics, Accounting, Finance; or

21 (3) Public Affairs or Law.”

22 **SECTION 2.** This act takes effect 90 days after its enactment.”

23 **Bill Summary**

24 This bill amends title 30, chapter 5, subchapter II, sections 103 and 104 of the Virgin
25 Islands Code by reducing the number board members employed by the Government from three to

1 one and establishing minimum criteria for board members of the Virgin Islands Water and Power
2 Authority.

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