LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT
NOTWITHSTANDING THE GOVERNOR'S VETO

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT section 9 of Act No. 9100 (Bill No. 36-0236) - An act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3061 by increasing the amount of money that is to remain in the Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Fund before any interest can be deposited into the General Fund; amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 12 regarding ineligibility for public office; amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 29 regarding limitations on political contributions; incorporating various roads in St. Croix into the public road system; amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9 regarding temporary, non-commercial signs, posters and advertising devices; appropriating the sum of $2,100,000 to the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance for the maintenance of school facilities; appropriating $100,000 to the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation for the Virgin Islands Senior National Women's Basketball Team; amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5 regarding early voting and for other purposes by the Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands at its regular session held on May 28, 2026, (a copy of which is attached hereto) and vetoed by the Governor on June 9, 2026, was duly enacted by override by the Thirty-Sixth Legislature at its regular session held on June 12, 2026, pursuant to section 9(d) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, 48 U.S.C. §1575 (d).

DATED: June 15th, 2026

Milton E. Potter
President

ATTEST:

Avery L. Lewis
Legislative Secretary

OVERRIDDEN
DATE: 06/12/2026
SECTION 9

ACT NO. 9100

BILL NO. 36-0236

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2026

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3061 is amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (d):

(1) strike both occurrences of "$50,000,000" and insert "$55,000,000";

(2) in the last sentence:

(A) strike "equals or"; and

(B) strike "said interest" and insert "amounts in excess".

(b) strike subsection (e).

SECTION 2. Title 22 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 237 is amended as follows:

(a) In section (a)(1) by striking $50,000 and inserting $75,000; and

(b) In section (a)(3)(A) by striking both occurrences of $50,000,000 and inserting $55,000,000 wherever they appear.

SECTION 3. Title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 12, section 263 is amended by inserting the following subsections (d)-(i):

(d) Ineligibility for Public Office.

(1) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who has been convicted of:

(A) a felony offense; or (B) a crime involving moral turpitude; shall be ineligible to qualify for, be elected to, or hold any public office in the Virgin Islands unless the person has received a full pardon restoring civil rights.

(2) Any person convicted of a sex offense, as defined by applicable law under shall be permanently ineligible to hold public office unless expressly pardoned with restoration of such eligibility.

(e) The Supervisor of Elections shall:

(1) establish procedures for submission and review of background checks and affidavits;

(2) verify completeness of candidate filings prior to certification and deny certification to candidates who fail to meet eligibility requirements;

(3) develop a standardized process for obtaining and validating criminal background checks and ensure timely access to records for candidate verification; and

(4) authorize the appropriate election authority to adopt rules and forms necessary to implement the requirements of this section.

(f) A person seeking public office must submit the following:

(1) a certified criminal history report from the appropriate local or territorial law enforcement agency;

(2) a verified background check from the Virgin Islands Department of Justice confirming whether the individual has been convicted of any felony, crime of moral turpitude, or sex offense and

(3) a signed and notarized affidavit to the Supervisor of Elections stating that:

(A) the candidate has not been convicted of a disqualifying offense or if previously convicted, the candidate has received a full pardon restoring eligibility and the affidavit must acknowledge that any false statement constitutes perjury and grounds for disqualification; and

~~(B) any candidate found in violation of subsection (d) shall be disqualified from appearing on the ballot or, if already elected, removed from office in accordance with applicable law.~~

~~(g) Any individual who knowingly submits false information in the required affidavit shall be subject to:~~

~~(1) criminal penalties for perjury; and~~

~~(2) immediate disqualification from appearing on the ballot or removal from office.~~

~~(h) If a disqualifying conviction is discovered after election, the office shall be declared vacant and filled in accordance with applicable law.~~

~~(i) Any person determined by a practicing psychiatrist to be mentally impaired is ineligible to run for public office or to hold public office.~~

SECTION 4. Title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 29 is amended in the following instances:

(a) Section 902, paragraph 2 is amended by striking "$1,000" and inserting "$3,500"; and

(b) Section 907 is amended by striking "$1,000" wherever it appears and inserting "$3,500".

SECTION 5. Act No. 8739 is amended in sections 2 and 3 by striking all occurrences of "The Donna M. Christian-Christensen M.D. Virgin Islands Department of Health" and inserting "The Donna M. Christian-Christensen M.D. Health Center Virgin Islands Department of Health".

SECTION 6. Act No. 9079 (Bill No. 36-0198) is amended in Section 1 (b) (1) and in Section 2 (4) DOA R.E.A.L. Cats Spay/Neuter Program by inserting "Cruzan" before "Cats"

SECTION 7. Act No. 9035 (Bill No. 36-0174) is amended in section 1 C/CNTR MISSCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATIONS FY 2026

DHS HEARTS IN SERVICE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING* by striking "TRANSITIONAL HOUSING and inserting "ASSOCIATION, INC".

SECTION 8. In accordance with title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part I, chapter 1, section 3a., the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works may accept, on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands, for incorporation into the public road system, a dedication to public use as a public road, the following road plots:

(a) Road Plot No. 299 of Estate Barren Spot, Queen Quarter, St Croix, consisting of 3.0770 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 4982 dated March 16, 1995, revised April 15, 1996.

(b) Road Plot No. 298 REM of Estate Barren Spot, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 2.298 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5025 dated May 9, 1996, revised July 29, 1997.

(c) Road Plot No. 302 of Estate Barren Spot, Queen Quarter, St Croix, consisting of 2.638 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5105 dated May 12, 1998, revised November 12, 1998.

(d) Road Plot No. 661 of Estate Strawberry Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 2.427 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5137 dated April 8, 1999.

(e) Road Plot No. 660A of Estate Strawberry Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 2.200 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5220 dated March 15, 2001.

(f) Road Plot No. 2-A-52 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St Croix, consisting of 1.502 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5338 dated May 31, 2002.

(g) Road Plot No. 2-148 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 1 .27 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-74-C012 dated January 11, 2012, revised October 24, 2012.

(h) Road Plot No. 2-149 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St Croix, consisting of 0.21 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-74-C012 dated January 11, 2012, revised October 24, 2012.

(i) Road Plot No. 2-150 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix consisting of 1.03 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-74-C012 dated January 11, 2012, revised October 24, 2012.

(j) Road Plot No. 2-151 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.53 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-74-C012 dated January 11, 2012, revised October 24, 2012.

(k) Road Plot No. 2-152, of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.35 U. S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A974-C012 dated January 11, 2011, revised October 24, 2012.

(l) Road Plot No. 2-153, of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.83 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-74-C012 dated January 11, 2012, revised October 24, 2012.

(m) Road Plot No. 2-154 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St Croix, consisting of 0.10 US acres, more or less. as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-74-C012 dated January 11, 2012, revised October 24.2012.

(n) Road Plot No. 50-13 of Estate Orange Grove, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.68 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. D9-6886-C024 dated June 15, 2024.

(o) Road Plot No. 50-2 of Estate Orange Grove, Queen Quarter, St. Croix consisting of 0.171 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-145-C020 dated November 27, 2019.

(p) Road Plot No. 51-24, of Estate Orange Grove, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 1.554 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-145-C020 dated November 27, 2019.

(q) Road Plot 52-36 of Estate Orange Grove, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 1.53 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. D9-6521-C016 dated August 2, 2016.

(r) Road Plot No. 54-61 of Estate Orange Grove, Queen Quarter, St. Croix consisting of 1.981 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-151-C021 dated January 7, 2021.

(s) Road Plot No. 3-A of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix consisting of 0.469 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5500A dated December 10, 2004.

(t) Road Plot No. 4-A of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.548 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5500A dated December 10, 2004.

(u) Road Plot No. 1-3 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix consisting of 0.856 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5664 dated July 29, 2005.

(v) Road Plot No. 13-63 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St Croix, consisting of 2.237 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5858-B dated June 7, 2007.

(w) Road Plot No. 3-30 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.318 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5858-C dated June 7, 2007.

(x) Road Plot No. I-J-20 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St Croix consisting of 0.893 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5858-C dated June 7, 2007.

(y) Road Plot No. 13A-J of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix consisting of 0.44 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-611 dated February 9, 2011.

(z) Road Plot No. 13-G-A of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.113 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-61-C011 dated February 9, 2011.

(aa) Road Plot No. 1-53 of Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 1.269 US acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-40-C010 dated February 12, 2010.

(bb) Road Plot No. 2A-26 of Estate Rattan, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.096 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-67-C011 dated June 10, 2011.

(cc) Road Plot No. 3A-20 of Estate Rattan, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.232 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-67-C011 dated June 10, 2011.

(dd) Road Plot No. 4E-7 of Estate Rattan, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.213 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. A9-67-C011 dated June 10, 2011.

(ee) Road Plot No. 2A-3 of Estate Rattan, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.271 U. S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5648 dated April 05, 2005.

(ff) Road Plot No. 46 of Estate La Vallee and Belvedere, Northside "B" Quarter, St. Croix, consisting of 0.969 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on OLG Drawing No. 5034 dated July 11, 1996.

~~**SECTION 9.** Title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, is amended in the following instances:~~

~~(1) in section 506, subsection (a), after the third sentence insert:~~

~~"The fees prescribed in this subsection do not apply to a temporary non-commercial sign, poster, notice, or other advertising device authorized under section 506a of this chapter."~~

~~(2) insert the following section 506a:~~

~~"§506a. Temporary non-commercial signs; fees; cost recovery.~~

~~(a) The term "temporary non-commercial sign" as used in this section means a sign, poster, notice, or other advertising device that:~~

(1) is temporary in nature;

(2) does not propose a commercial transaction; and

(3) communicates a message concerning an election, candidate, political committee, ballot question, referendum, public question, civic matter, religious message, ideological message, charitable message, community event, or other non-commercial expression.

(b) Exemption from ordinary sign fees. A temporary non-commercial sign is exempt from the application, permit, renewal, or placement fees imposed under section 506 of this chapter.

(c) Registration authorized. The Commissioner of Public Works may require a person, candidate, political committee, association, corporation, organization, or other entity responsible for erecting or maintaining a temporary non-commercial sign to file a temporary sign registration with the Department of Public Works before erecting or maintaining the sign.

(d) Contents of registration. A temporary non-commercial sign registration may require only the information necessary to administer this chapter, including:

(1) the name, mailing address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the person or entity responsible for the sign;

(2) the approximate number of signs to be erected or maintained;

(3) the island, district, or general area in which the signs are expected to be placed;

(4) the date or event after which the signs must be removed; and

(5) a written acknowledgement of the placement restrictions, removal deadline, penalties, and cost-recovery provisions applicable under this chapter.

(e) Limited administrative fee. The Commissioner of Public Works may charge a registration fee for temporary non-commercial sign registration. The fee may not exceed the documented administrative and regulatory costs of administering the registration, including reasonable cost of application intake, recordkeeping, location review, and content-neutral compliance review; nor shall the total fees charged to any entity under this section, including fees under subsection (f) of this section, exceed $500 in a calendar year.

(f) Per-sign fee limitation. If the Commissioner charges a fee on a per-sign basis, the fee must be calculated by:

(1) determining the documented fixed administrative cost of administering the temporary non-commercial sign program during the applicable permit or election cycle;

(2) dividing the amount in paragraph (1) by the projected number of temporary non-commercial signs to be registered during that cycle; and

(3) adding only the documented average of the administrative and regulatory cost attributable to each sign.

(g) Written cost schedule required. Prior to imposing any fee under this section, the Commissioner of Public Works shall prepare and publish a written cost schedule and identify the personnel, materials, inspection, recordkeeping, and administrative costs used to calculate the fees. The Commissioner shall review and revise the cost schedule after each general election cycle or any other time deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

(h) Prohibited fee basis. Any fee, cost, penalty, removal decision, or enforcement action under this section may not be based on any of the following:

(1) the content or viewpoint of the sign, unless it is deemed illegal;

(2) the identity, political affiliation, or viewpoint of the speaker;

(3) the popularity or unpopularity of the message;

(4) the anticipated public reaction to the message; or

(5) the candidate, political party, public question, referendum, or ballot measure supported or opposed by the sign.

(i) Removal by responsible party. A person, candidate, political committee, association, corporation, organization, or other entity responsible for erecting or maintaining a temporary non-commercial sign shall remove the sign within fourteen days following the event so advertised.

(j) Failure to remove; fine and cost recovery. A temporary non-commercial sign that is not removed within the required time under subsection (i) of this section is unlawfully maintained and may be removed by the Department of Public Works. In addition to any fine authorized by this chapter or by regulation, the responsible person or entity is liable to the Department for the actual and documented costs of removal, transportation, storage, and disposal.

(k) No universal removal charge. The Commissioner may not include the potential cost of removing, transporting, storing, or disposing of signs that are unlawfully maintained after the removal deadline in any registration fee.

(l) *Regulations.* The Commissioner of Public Works may promulgate regulations to implement this section.

(m) All fees paid to the Commissioner of Public Works hereunder shall be remitted to the Commissioner of Finance for coverage into the Treasury of the Virgin Islands in accordance with the provisions of section 510 of this chapter."

(3) in section 507, subsection (b), strike the period at the end of the first sentence and insert:

"; provided, however, a temporary non-commercial sign governed by section 506a of this chapter must be removed by the person or entity responsible for the sign within fourteen days following the general election, event, or occurrence advertised, unless another provision of law requires earlier removal."

(4) in section 510:

(a) after "fees" insert ", fines, and recovered costs";

(b) strike "section" and insert "sections"; and

(c) after "506" insert "and 506a".

(5) in section 511, designate the existing language as subsection (a) and insert subsection (b) that reads:

"(b) In addition to any penalties imposed under subsection (a), a person, candidate, political committee, association, corporation, organization, or other entity that fails to remove a temporary non-commercial sign within the time required under section 506a or any other section of this chapter is liable for the actual and documented cost incurred by the Department of Public Works to remove, transport, store, or dispose of each sign. The recovery of costs under this subsection is cumulative and does not preclude the imposition of any other lawful penalty pursuant to Virgin Islands law."

SECTION 10. (a) The sum of $2,150,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the Southern Trust Company Settlement Fund established in section 1(a) of Act No. 8920, to the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance for the maintenance of school facilities.

(b) The funds appropriated in subsection (a) remain available until expended.

SECTION 11. Act 8920, section 6, as amended by Act 8985, section 1, subsection (b), is amended by striking the last sentence.

SECTION 12. The sum of $100,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation for the expenses associated with the Virgin Islands Senior National Women's Basketball Teams' participation in the Fédération Internationale de Basket-ball Amateur

(FIBA), aka the International Basketball Federation Tournament, in Berlin, Germany from September 4 to September 13, 2026.

SECTION 13. Title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 94a is amended as follows:

(a) By inserting the following language at the end of subsection (b):

"; provided, however, that early voting shall conclude no earlier than three days immediately preceding Election Day."

SECTION 14. Notwithstanding title 18 Virgin Islands Code, sections 3, 4 and 13 of this act are effective upon enactment.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on May 28, 2026.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 29th day of May, A.D., 2026.

Milton E. Potter
President

Avery L. Lewis
Secretary

THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS

Bill No. 36-0236 is hereby approved except for the following item(s), part or parts, portion or portions thereof, which are hereby objected to and disapproved and deleted as marked on the Bill, pursuant to Section 9(d) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954 as amended.

In **SECTION 3** by striking the section in its entirety "**SECTION 3.** Title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 12, section 263 is amended by inserting the following subsections (d)-(i):

(d) Ineligibility for Public Office.

(1) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who has been convicted of:

(A) a felony offense; or (B) a crime involving moral turpitude; shall be ineligible to qualify for, be elected to, or hold any public office in the Virgin Islands unless the person has received a full pardon restoring civil rights.

(2) Any person convicted of a sex offense, as defined by applicable law under shall be permanently ineligible to hold public office unless expressly pardoned with restoration of such eligibility.

(e) The Supervisor of Elections shall:

(1) establish procedures for submission and review of background checks and affidavits;

(2) verify completeness of candidate filings prior to certification and deny certification to candidates who fail to meet eligibility requirements;

(3) develop a standardized process for obtaining and validating criminal background checks and ensure timely access to records for candidate verification; and

(4) authorize the appropriate election authority to adopt rules and forms necessary to implement the requirements of this section.

(f) A person seeking public office must submit the following:

(1) a certified criminal history report from the appropriate local or territorial law enforcement agency;

(2) a verified background check from the Virgin Islands Department of Justice confirming whether the individual has been convicted of any felony, crime of moral turpitude, or sex offense and

(3) a signed and notarized affidavit to the Supervisor of Elections stating that:

(A) the candidate has not been convicted of a disqualifying offense or if previously convicted, the candidate has received a full pardon restoring eligibility and the affidavit must acknowledge that any false statement constitutes perjury and grounds for disqualification; and

(B) any candidate found in violation of subsection (d) shall be disqualified from appearing on the ballot or, if already elected, removed from office in accordance with applicable law.

(g) Any individual who knowingly submits false information in the required affidavit shall be subject to:

(1) criminal penalties for perjury; and

(2) immediate disqualification from appearing on the ballot or removal from office.

(h) If a disqualifying conviction is discovered after election, the office shall be declared vacant and filled in accordance with applicable law.

(i) Any person determined by a practicing psychiatrist to be mentally impaired is ineligible to run for public office or to hold public office."

In **SECTION 9** by striking the section in its entirety **"SECTION 9.** Title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9 is amended in the following instances:

(1) in section 506, subsection (a), after the third sentence insert:

"The fees prescribed in this subsection do not apply to a temporary non-commercial sign, poster, notice, or other advertising device authorized under section 506a of this chapter."

(2) insert the following section 506a:

"§506a. Temporary non-commercial signs; fees; cost recovery

(a) The term "temporary non-commercial sign" as used in this section means a sign, poster, notice, or other advertising device that:

(1) is temporary in nature;

(2) does not propose a commercial transaction; and

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(b) Exemption from ordinary sign fees. A temporary non-commercial sign is exempt from the application, permit, renewal, or placement fees imposed under section 506 of this chapter.

(c) Registration authorized. The Commissioner of Public Works may require a person, candidate, political committee, association, corporation, organization, or other entity responsible for erecting or maintaining a temporary non-commercial sign to file a temporary sign registration with the Department of Public Works before erecting or maintaining the sign.

(d) Contents of registration. A temporary non-commercial sign registration may require only the information necessary to administer this chapter, including:

(1) the name, mailing address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the person or entity responsible for the sign;

(2) the approximate number of signs to be erected or maintained;

(3) the island, district, or general area in which the signs are expected to be placed;

(4) the date or event after which the signs must be removed; and

(5) a written acknowledgement of the placement restrictions, removal deadline, penalties, and cost-recovery provisions applicable under this chapter.

(e) Limited administrative fee. The Commissioner of Public Works may charge a registration fee for temporary non-commercial sign registration. The fee may not exceed the documented administrative and regulatory costs of administering the registration, including reasonable cost of application intake, recordkeeping, location review, and content-neutral compliance review; nor shall the total fees charged to any entity under this section, including fees under subsection (f) of this section, exceed $500 in a calendar year.

(f) Per-sign fee limitation. If the Commissioner charges a fee on a per-sign basis, the fee must be calculated by:

(1) determining the documented fixed administrative cost of administering the

temporary non-commercial sign program during the applicable permit or election cycle;

(2) dividing the amount in paragraph (1) by the projected number of temporary non-commercial signs to be registered during that cycle; and

(3) adding only the documented average of the administrative and regulatory cost attributable to each sign.

(g) Written cost schedule required. Prior to imposing any fee under this section, the Commissioner of Public Works shall prepare and publish a written cost schedule and identify the personnel, materials, inspection, recordkeeping, and administrative costs used to calculate the fees. The Commissioner shall review and revise the cost schedule after each general election cycle or any other time deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

(h) Prohibited fee basis. Any fee, cost, penalty, removal decision, or enforcement action under this section may not be based on any of the following:

(1) the content or viewpoint of the sign, unless it is deemed illegal;

(2) the identity, political affiliation, or viewpoint of the speaker;

(3) the popularity or unpopularity of the message;

(4) the anticipated public reaction to the message; or

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(i) Removal by responsible party. A person, candidate, political committee, association, corporation, organization, or other entity responsible for erecting or maintaining a temporary non-commercial sign shall remove the sign within fourteen days following the event so advertised.

(j) Failure to remove; fine and cost recovery. A temporary non-commercial sign that is not removed within the required time under subsection (i) of this section is unlawfully maintained and may be removed by the Department of Public Works. In addition to any fine authorized by this chapter or by regulation, the responsible person or entity is liable to the Department for the actual and documented costs of removal, transportation, storage, and disposal.

(k) No universal removal charge. The Commissioner may not include the potential cost of removing, transporting, storing, or disposing of signs that are unlawfully maintained after the removal deadline in any registration fee.

(l) Regulations. The Commissioner of Public Works may promulgate regulations to implement this section.

(m) All fees paid to the Commissioner of Public Works hereunder shall be remitted to the Commissioner of Finance for coverage into the Treasury of the Virgin Islands in accordance with the provisions of section 510 of this chapter."

(3) in section 507, subsection (b), strike the period at the end of the first sentence and insert:
"; provided, however, a temporary non-commercial sign governed by section 506a of this chapter must be removed by the person or entity responsible for the sign within fourteen days following the general election, event, or occurrence advertised, unless another provision of law requires earlier removal."

(4) in section 510:

(a) after "fees" insert ", fines, and recovered costs";

(b) strike "section" and insert "sections"; and

(c) after "506" insert "and 506a".

(5) in section 511, designate the existing language as subsection (a) and insert subsection (b) that reads:

"(b) In addition to any penalties imposed "(b) In addition to any penalties imposed under subsection (a), a person, candidate, political committee, association, corporation, organization, or other entity that fails to remove a temporary non-commercial sign within the time required under section 506a or any other section of this chapter is liable for the actual and documented cost incurred by the Department of Public Works to remove, transport, store, or dispose of each sign. The recovery of costs under this subsection is cumulative and does not preclude the imposition of any other lawful penalty pursuant to Virgin Islands law."

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, this 9th day of June 9, 2026 A.D.

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor