

BILL NO. 32-0001

Thirty-second Legislature of the Virgin Islands

January 9, 2017

A Resolution organizing and establishing the Majority Caucus, electing the officers, appointing the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and members of the standing committees of the Thirty-Second Legislature, and adopting the Rules of the Thirty-Second Legislature

PROPOSED BY: Senators Marvin A. Blyden, Jean A. Forde, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Myron D. Jackson, Neville A. James, Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly, Samuel Sanes, Kevin A. Rodriguez, Brian A. Smith, and Kurt A. Vialet

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

2 **SECTION 1. THAT** the Thirty-Second Legislature adopts in whole the document
3 entitled "Resolution establishing the Majority Caucus of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the
4 Virgin Islands, dated November 16, 2016, attached as Appendix A to, and made a part of this
5 Resolution which bears the signatures of Senators Marvin A. Blyden, Jean A. Forde, Novelle E.
6 Francis, Jr., Myron D. Jackson, Neville A. James, Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly, Kevin A. Rodriguez,
7 Samuel Sanes, Brian A. Smith, and Kurt A. Vialet and establishes the Majority Caucus of the
8 Thirty-Second Legislature.

9 **SECTION 2. THAT** the following members are elected to the offices of the Thirty-
10 Second Legislature as set forth in subsections (a) through (h) of this section.

11 (a) Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected President.

1 (b) Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly is elected Vice-President.

2 (c) Senator Jean A. Forde is elected Secretary.

3 (d) Senator Neville A. James is elected Majority Leader.

4 (e) Senator Jean A. Forde is elected Secretary for Intergovernmental and
5 Territorial Affairs.

6 (f) Senator Marvin A. Blyden is elected Liaison to the United States Congress.

7 (g) Senator Brian A. Smith is elected Liaison to the United States Department of
8 Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

9 (h) Senator Samuel Sanes is elected Liaison to the White House.

10 **SECTION 3. THAT** the following standing Committees of the Thirty-Second
11 Legislature are established, and the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and members are appointed
12 to the committees as set forth subsections (a) through (i) of this section.

13 (a) The Committee on Rules and the Judiciary consists of:

14 (1) Chair, Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.;

15 (2) Vice-Chair, Senator Jean A. Forde;

16 (3) Senator Myron D. Jackson;

17 (4) Senator Samuel Sanes;

18 (5) Senator Janette Millin Young;

19 (6) Senator Positive T. A. Nelson; and

20 (7) Senator Kevin A. Rodriguez.

21 (b) The Committee on Finance consists of:

22 (1) Chair, Senator Kurt A. Violet;

23 (2) Vice Chair, Senator Marvin A. Blyden;

- 1 (3) Senator Neville A. James;
- 2 (4) Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly;
- 3 (5) Senator Brian A. Smith;
- 4 (6) Senator Tregenza A. Roach; and
- 5 (7) Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.

6 (c) The Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services consists of:

- 7 (1) Chair, Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly;
- 8 (2) Vice-Chair, Senator Kurt A. Vialet;
- 9 (3) Senator Marvin A. Blyden;
- 10 (4) Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.;
- 11 (5) Senator Janette Millin Young;
- 12 (6) Senator Sammuell Sanes; and
- 13 (7) Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.

14 (d) The Committee on Education, Youth and Recreation consists of:

- 15 (1) Chair, Senator Jean A. Forde;
- 16 (2) Vice-Chair, Senator Neville A. James;
- 17 (3) Senator Kurt A. Vialet;
- 18 (4) Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.;
- 19 (5) Senator Myron D. Jackson;
- 20 (6) Senator Tregenza A. Roach; and
- 21 (7) Senator Kevin A. Rodriguez.

22 (e) The Committee on Workforce Development, Consumer Affairs and Culture,
23 consists of:

- 1 (1) Chair, Senator Kevin A. Rodriquez;
- 2 (2) Vice-Chair, Senator Myron D. Jackson;
- 3 (3) Senator Janette Millin Young;
- 4 (4) Senator Brian A. Smith;
- 5 (5) Senator Positive T. A. Nelson;
- 6 (6) Senator Alicia Hansen; and
- 7 (7) Senator Marvin A. Blyden.

8 (f) The Committee on Housing, Public Works, Waste Management and Planning
9 consists of:

- 10 (1) Chair, Senator Marvin A. Blyden;
- 11 (2) Vice-Chair, Senator Sammuel Sanes;
- 12 (3) Senator Neville A. James;
- 13 (4) Senator Kevin A. Rodriquez ;
- 14 (5) Senator Janette Millin Young;
- 15 (6) Senator Alicia Hansen; and
- 16 (7) Senator Brian A. Smith.

17 (g) The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety
18 consists of:

- 19 (1) Chair, Senator Brian A. Smith;
- 20 (2) Vice-Chair, Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
- 21 (3) Senator Jean A. Forde;
- 22 (4) Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly;
- 23 (5) Senator Positive T.A. Nelson;

1 (6) Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff; and

2 (7) Senator Alicia Hansen.

3 (h) The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture consists of:

4 (1) Chair, Senator Neville A. James;

5 (2) Vice-Chair, Senator Brian A. Smith;

6 (3) Senator Sammuel Sanes;

7 (4) Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff;

8 (5) Senator Nereida Rivera O'Reilly;

9 (6) Senator Kurt A. Vialet;

10 (7) Senator Marvin A. Blyden;

11 (8) Senator Positive T.A. Nelson; and

12 (9) Senator Tregenza A. Roach.

13 (i) The Committee on Government Affairs, Veterans, Energy, and Environmental
14 Protection consists of:

15 (1) Chair, Senator Sammuel Sanes;

16 (2) Vice-Chair, Senator Kevin A. Rodriguez;

17 (3) Senator Jean A. Forde;

18 (4) Senator Nereida Rivera O'Reilly;

19 (5) Senator Alicia Hansen;

20 (6) Senator Tregenza A. Roach; and

21 (7) Senator Janette Millin Young.

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1 **SECTION 4. THAT** the rules governing the organization and operations of the Thirty-
2 Second Legislature of the Virgin Islands are as set forth in the document entitled “Rules of the
3 32nd Legislature of the Virgin Islands”, dated January 9, 2017, which is attached as Appendix B
4 to this Resolution, and by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

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BILL SUMMARY

7 This bill organizes the Thirty-Second Legislature. Section 1 adopts the document entitled
8 “Resolution for The Organization of The Thirty-Second Legislature of The Virgin Islands” dated
9 November 16, 2016, naming the majority. Section 2 elects the officers and establishes the
10 Majority Caucus. Section 3 establishes the standing committees and appoints the committee
11 chairs, committee vice-chairs and committee members. Section 4 adopts the Rules of the Thirty-
12 Second Legislature.

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