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3,521 Residents Voted Early; St. Thomas With Lion's Share

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Elections Supervisor Caroline Fawkes late Wednesday revealed that 3,521 Virgin Islands residents voted early this year, with St. Thomas leading all three islands.

As early voting came to a close on Wednesday, 2,038 residents had cast their ballots in St. Thomas, followed by St. Croix with 1,404 and St. John with 79 votes.

Mrs. Fawkes said the early voting results will be tabulated upon the closing of polls on election day at 7:00 p.m.

Election day this is Saturday, August 4. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m., Mrs. Fawkes said.

There are 30 candidates in the St. Thomas-St. John District vying for a seat in the upcoming 33rd Legislature, with 10 candidates running as Independents, 17 as Democrats, 2 Independent Citizens Movement (I.C.M.) and 1 Republican.

In the St. Croix District, there are 28 candidates running for Senate, including 16 Democrats, 11 with no party affiliation and 2 Republicans.

Following the Democratic Primary on August 4, the race will become less cluttered with only 7 candidates being eligible to place in each district. These Democrats will then face the Independents and Independent Citizens Movement candidates in the general election set for November 6.

There are currently 9 gubernatorial candidates, including the Democratic teams — Petrus-Sanes, Bryan-Roach and Dawson-James — two of which will be eliminated on August 4. There are 4 Independent teams seeking the territory's highest office, including Millin Young-Bengoa, Smith-Frederick, Donastorg-Hansen and the Coffelt-Nicholson teams. Governor Kenneth Mapp and Lieutenant Governor Osbert Potter are listed as having no party affiliation, along with the Mosler-Fonseca ticket, also listed as having no party affiliation.

For those with questions, call the Election System of the Virgin Islands at 340-773-1021 (St. Croix) and 340-774-3107 (St. Thomas).