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**AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 35-0336
Offered by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

Bill No. 35-0336 is amended as follows:

(a) In section 1:

(1) In internal section 3531, subsection (a), in the third sentence, strike “the Territorial Public Defender Administration Board (“Board”).” and insert “The Judiciary of the Virgin Islands Standing Committee on Indigent Appointments (“Committee”) for administrative purposes only.”;

(2) In internal section 3532, strike all occurrences of “Board” and insert “Committee”, and in subsection (a), after the third sentence, insert “To ensure the stability and continuity of the Office, no employee of the Office, hired prior to December 2024, shall be subject to dismissal or alteration of compensation by the Committee except for cause.”; and

(3) In internal section 3536, subsection (a), strike “Board” and insert “Committee”.

(b) In section 2, strike “2024” and insert “2025”.

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