

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, USVI INC

**Comments on Bill 35-0269** { PG 1 OF 1}

*Bill Amends Title 2 by adding a section 10 regarding perjury in Legislative proceedings.*

Section 1 Concern: Bill Seeks to amend Title 2 by adding section 10. However, there is already a section 10 that relates to fingerprinting.

Recommendation: LWV VI suggests that this new addition be placed in a section 11 which had been deleted earlier.

Rationale: Section 10 of Title 2 is concerned with fingerprinting which has no relation to the topic of this Bill. Since Section 11 has already been deleted, we suggest that this be its replacement OR that a new section 13 be created for this amendment. It is noted that both 11 and 12 have been deleted in the Code.

- Item 10 levies a fine of not more than \$250, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days. LWV VI suggests adding “ or both” after “not more than 30 days”.

Rationale: LWV VI believes that perjury in Legislative proceedings is a serious offence and therefore the full impact of this serious offence should be made clear by adding “or both”. It would serve as an appropriate deterrence.

- Item 10 (2). The same comment as above applies here as well as in the Bill summary.

=====*END of Testimony on Bill 35-0269*====*July 17, 2024*