

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

BILL NO. 36-0071

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

March 28, 2025

An Act amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, section 232 to provide the process for political parties to choose their nominees for public offices

PROPOSED BY: Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 18 Virgin Islands Code, section 232 is amended by striking the section and adding a new section 232 as follows:

“§ 232. Primary elections

Party primary elections must be held in the Virgin Islands on the first Saturday of August for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination to public offices to be voted on for the ensuing general election. Primary elections must be conducted by the Virgin Islands Elections System. Political parties may opt out of the primary election and instead nominate candidates for public offices through a process of their choosing. Not later than January 30, political parties shall notify the Supervisor of Elections of the process it will use to nominate candidates for public offices. Failure to submit the process by the deadline results in the automatic inclusion of the political party in the primary elections.

1 **BILL SUMMARY**

2 This bill establishes the process for political parties to choose their nominees for public
3 offices.

4 **BR25-0493/March 10, 2025/CBM**