## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

## BILL NO. 36-0073

## Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

March 28, 2025	
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An Act amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 4 and title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 41 relating to the powers of the Supervisor of Elections and the Board of Elections

**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

- Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Title 18 Virgin Islands Code is amended as follows:
- 3 (a) chapter 1, section 4:

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- 4 (1) subsection (a) is amended in the seventh sentence by striking "shall be 5 entitled to" and inserting "may" by striking "an adverse ruling of" and inserting "their 6 removal" and by striking "the Board";
- 7 (2) subsection (b) is amended in the introductory phrase by striking "boards of elections" and inserting "Board";
  - (3) subsection (b), paragraph (2) is amended by striking "boards of elections" and inserting "Board"; and
- 11 (4) By adding the following subsection (c):

1	"(c) Notwithstanding the powers granted to the Supervisor of Elections
2	under subsection (b), the Board may overrule any decision of the Supervisor of
3	Elections at an official meeting of the Board."
4	(b) chapter 3, section 41, subsection (h) is amended in first sentence by striking "each
5	Board shall be" and inserting "the Board is" and in the second sentence by striking "a" where
6	it appears before "Board" and inserting "the".
7	BILL SUMMARY
8	This bill amends title 18 Virgin Islands Code, section 4 to clarify that the Supervisor of
9	Elections and the Deputy Supervisors of election may appeal their removal to the Superior
0	Court of the Virgin Islands, that there is a singular Board of Elections and not two district Board
1	of Elections and gives the Board of Elections explicit authority to overrule decisions of the
2	Supervisor of Elections. Finally, it also amends section 41 to clarify that there is a singular
3	Board of Elections.

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