

TESTIMONY OF RAYMOND J. WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN, VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF ELECTION

May 7, 2026

Bill Number 36-0187

Good afternoon, the Honorable Avery L. Lewis, Chairman Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection: members of the Committee and all other senators present.

My name is Raymond J. Williams, Chairman of the Virgin Islands Board of Election. I appear before you this morning at your request to present testimony on Bill No. 36-0187, an act amending Title 18 of the Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 23, Section 622, which would require the Board of Elections to count by hand all votes deposited in a ballot box. Proposed by Senator Franklin D. Johnson.

The Board of Elections met on January 16, 2026, to deliberate on this bill. The Board voted not to support this measure on a seven (7) in favor of the motion, four (4) against and two (2) absent.

I stand ready to answer questions. Thank you.