

BILL NO. 36-0280

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

May 8, 2026

An act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part IV, chapter 37, subchapter II, section 831, subsection (a), paragraph (2), by giving a parent of a newborn, who is born in a government hospital, the option to receive the child's birth certificate by mail

PROPOSED BY: Senator Hubert L. Frederick

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part IV, chapter 37, subchapter II, section 831, subsection (a), paragraph (2) is amended as follows:

(a) after the first sentence, insert the following language:

“The birth certificate application shall include an option for the parent to receive the birth certificate by mail upon payment of a \$10.00 administrative fee.”

(b) after the last sentence, insert the following language:

“The local registrar shall mail the birth certificate to the parent not later than five days after the certificate of live birth is filed.”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill amends title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part IV, chapter 37, subchapter II, section 831, subsection (a), paragraph (2), by giving a parent of a newborn, who is born in a government hospital, the option to receive the child's birth certificate by mail upon payment

- 1 of a \$10.00 administrative and requiring the local registrar to mail the birth certificate to the
- 2 parent not later than five days after the certificate of live birth is filed.

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