An Act amending title 30 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, subchapter II, section 103 relating to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to establish minimum criteria for the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Governing Board and changing the number of its members; and amending section 104(b) to change the number of members of the Governing Board constituting a quorum from five to four

PROPOSED BY: Senators Janelle K. Sarauw, Alma Francis Heyliger and Javan E. James

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 30 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, subchapter II, section 103 is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a) is amended;

(1) In the first sentence by: striking “nine persons, six of whom shall not be employees of the Government of the Virgin Islands or the Government of the United States and three of whom shall be appointed by the Governor from among the heads of cabinet-level executive departments or agencies”; and
In the second sentence by inserting after “St. John, the phrase, “of whom at least one must reside on St. John”; and after “St. Croix” by adding a sentence that reads: “No more than two of the non-governmental board members from each district, may reside outside of the territory”.

In the sixth sentence by:

(A) Inserting “the” before the word “government”; and

(B) striking “members” and inserting “member”

In the seventh sentence by:

(A) Striking “No” and inserting “The” in its place; and

(B) Inserting the word “not” between the words “shall” and “be”; and

In the eighth sentence by: striking “$50.00” and inserting “$100” in its place.

(b) Subsection (c) is added to read as follows:

“(c) Non-governmental members of the Governing Board must have formal education and experience in at least one of the following:

(1) Engineering, power generation;

(2) energy, natural resources conservation, environmental science, planning;

(2) economics, accounting, finance;

(3) public affairs; or

(4) law

SECTION 2. Title 30 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, subchapter II, section 104 is amended at the beginning of subsection (b) by striking “Five” and inserting “Four”.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect 90 days after its enactment.”
This bill amends title 30, chapter 5, subchapter II, sections 103 and 104 of the Virgin Islands Code by reducing the number of board members employed by the Government from three to one, reducing the number of members for a quorum, and establishing minimum criteria for board members of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority.