

ACT NO. 8602

BILL NO. 34-0266

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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An act amending title 18, chapter 25, sections 661, 662, 664 and 665, relating to absentee voting, to provide for all persons eligible to vote in elections in the Virgin Islands to be entitled to vote in any election by absentee ballot

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 6, of the Virgin Islands Code, title 18 Virgin Islands Code, is amended as follows:

(1) In section 661, by striking paragraph (1) and inserting a new paragraph (1) to read as follows: “(1) ‘Absentee’ means: any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote in elections in the Virgin Islands who applies for an absentee ballot pursuant to section 664 of this chapter.” The remaining paragraphs are re-numbered accordingly.


(2) In section 662, subsection (a) by striking “who, on the day of an election, is absent from the election district in which he is registered, and therefore is unable to vote in person,” and “ striking In the case of a member of the armed forces of the United States or his spouse, the commanding officer of such member shall certify his or her status as such, and in the case of a college student or his spouse, the registrar of his learning institution shall certify his or her status as such.”


(3) Section 665, subsection (d) is amended by adding “or electronically” after each instance of “facsimile”.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on July 20, 2022.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 27th Day of July, A.D., 2022.




Donna A. Frett-Gregory
President


Genevieve R. Whitaker
Secretary

Bill No. 34-0266 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, This 5th day of August, 2022 A.D.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor