

**REDLINE – Amendment 35-472 (An Amendment
in the Nature of a Substitute to Bill 35-0117**

- [Virgin Islands Code Annotated](#)
- [TITLE TWENTY-SEVEN Professions and Occupations \(Chs. 1 – 20\)](#)
- [Chapter 15. Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen \(§§ 421 – 431\)](#)

§ 421a. Virgin Islands Real Estate Commission

Establishment

(a) There is hereby created within the Department the Virgin Islands Real Estate Commission.

Composition; qualifications of members

~~(b) The Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor, not more than three of whom shall be licensed real estate brokers. One of such real estate brokers shall be an attorney. They shall be citizens of the United States and residents of the Virgin Islands. The members who are real estate brokers shall have been licensed as brokers in the Virgin Islands for at least five consecutive years prior to the date of appointment; Provided, however, That for the purpose of this requirement licensure as a real estate agent in the Virgin Islands prior to December 1, 1967, may be counted. Not more than three members may reside in any one island.~~
The Commission is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature, who are citizens of the United States and residents of the Virgin Islands. Three members must hold a valid Virgin Islands Real Estate Broker license for at least five consecutive years before the date of appointment; one member must be a licensed property manager; one member must be a licensed attorney; and two members must be persons who have never been licensed as a broker or property manager in any jurisdiction. Three members shall reside on St. Croix, three members shall reside on St. Thomas and one member shall reside on St. John.

Appointment of members; terms

~~(c) The Governor shall make initial appointments to the Commission within sixty days after May 14, 1967, three members to be appointed for initial terms of two years, and two members for initial terms of four years. Thereafter, all~~ **All** members shall be appointed for terms of four years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term. Each member shall **continue to** serve until the appointment and qualification of his successor. **the member's successor is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the successor.** Appointment of members to the Commission shall be subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

Chairman

~~(d) The Commission shall annually elect one of its members to serve as Chairman~~ **Chairperson**; ~~Provided, That the Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Commission initially appointed under this section.~~ **and one member to serve as Vice-Chairperson. The Commission may appoint other members to perform the roles of Secretary and Treasurer, as considered appropriate to assist in the effective functioning of the Commission.**

Compensation

(e) The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but **are entitled to per diem and travel expenses for their attendance at each meeting of the Commission at the rate prescribed in 3 V.I.C. §65.** shall be subject to the provisions of section 65 of this Code. [1](#)

Removal of members

(f) The members may be removed by the Governor for cause.

History

—Added May 4, 1967, No. 1948, § 1, Sess. L. 1967, p. 142, 143; amended April 23, 1968, No. 2174, § 1, Sess. L. 1968, Pt. I, p. 455; July 22, 1972, No. 3270, Sess. L. 1972, p. 226; March 9, 1973, No. 3396, § 1, Sess. L. 1973, p. 15.