

AMENDED

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Territory of the Virgin Islands
REGULAR/SPECIAL SESSION 2000
ROLL CALL

Bill No. 23 - 0206

Date: 3/2/00

Short Title: To amend Act 6327 to provide a lump-sum appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for salaries, operating expenses and for other purposes adding the Division of Personnel for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000

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MEMBERS	YEA	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BENNERSON, Gregory A.		1		
BERRY, Lorraine L.	1			
BRYAN, Adelbert M.		2		
LE, Donald "Ducks"	2			
DAVID, Roosevelt St. C.	3			
DONASTORG, Adlah "Foncie"	4			
GOLDEN, Violet Anne		3		
GOMEZ, Judy M.	5			
GOODWIN, George E.	6			
HANSEN, Alicia "Chucky"	7			
JN. BAPTISTE, Norman				1
JONES, David S.				2
LIBURD, Almando "Rocky"	8			
PETRUS, Allie-Allison	9			
RICHARDS Vargrave A.	10			2 (92)

Certified true and correct

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Alencia J. O. Tate
CLERK

BILL NO. 23-0206**Twenty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands
of the United States****MARCH 1, 2000**

To amend Act 6327 to provide a lump-sum appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for salaries, operating expenses and for other purposes adding the Division of Personnel for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000

PROPOSED BY: Senator Vargrave A. Richards and Allie-Allison Petrus
by Request of Governor

1 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

2 **SECTION 1.** Act 6327 is hereby amended in section 1 by adding the following
3 new section and increasing the total fund appropriation accordingly.

4	FUND	55100	INDIRECT COST
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6	ORG	1300	DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
7	C/CNTR	I5113T	INDCOST-DIV OF PERSONNEL

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PERSONNEL SERVICES

CLASSIFIED \$ 42,141

UNCLASSIFIED 30,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES \$ 72,141

ALL OTHER EXPENSES 20,601

TOTAL CENTER \$ 92,742

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G23-0017

Res: Donastorg Amendment # 23-466
 Seconded by Sen. Hansen
 Objection by Sen. Bryan
 Adopted

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
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Bill No. 23-0206

Date: 12/2/2000

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BENNERSON, Gregory A.	1			
BERRY, Lorraine L.	2			
BRYAN, Adelbert M.	13			
CC Donald "Ducks"	4			
DAVID, Roosevelt St. C.	5			
DONASTORG, Adlah "Foncie"	6			
GOLDEN, Violet Anne	7			
GOMEZ, Judy M.		1		
GOODWIN, George E.		2		
HANSEN, Alicia "Chucky"	8			
JN. BAPTISTE, Norman				1
JONES, David S.				2
LIBURD, Almando "Rocky"	9			
PETRUS, Allie-Allison	10			
RICHARDS Vargrave A.		3		

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 Corine C. Lodge
 CLERK

Drafted or Reviewed
By Legal Counsel

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. _____

OFFERED BY SENATOR ADLAH "FONCIE" DONASTORG

Bill No. _____ is amended by adding an appropriately numbered section to read:

"SECTION ____ . (a) A referendum shall be held on the date of the General Election in the Year 2000 to enable the voters of the Virgin Islands to decide whether the Legislature should petition the United States Congress to amend the Revised Organic Act to reduce the number of Senators comprising the Virgin Islands Legislature.

(b) The Board of Elections shall place the following questions on the ballot:

Mark One Square Only For Both Questions

1(a). Should the Legislature petition the United States Congress to amend the Revised Organic Act to reduce the size of the Legislature?

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YES

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NO

1(b). If your answer to question 1(a) is "YES", please indicate whether you favor a reduction of senators from 15 to

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or

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(c) The Board of Elections shall certify and provide to the Legislature within 10 days after the General Election, the actual number of votes cast on the referendum as

set forth in subsection (b) of this Section and the number of votes cast for each choice, whether or not fifty percent plus one of the persons casting a ballot voted on the issue.

(d) The number representing the reduction in the number of senators that is chosen by a fifty percent plus one vote of the Virgin Islands electorate in the referendum authorized under this Section shall be binding."

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 TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
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BRYAN, Adelbert M.		1		
CHAMBERLAIN, Donald "Ducks"	3			
DAVID, Roosevelt St. C.	4			
DONASTORG, Adlah "Foncie"	5			
GOLDEN, Violet Anne	6			
GOMEZ, Judy M.	7			
GOODWIN, George E.				1
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Corrine B. Watson
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AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 23- _____

OFFERED BY SENATOR JUDY M. GOMEZ

Bill No. 23- _____ is amended by adding an appropriately numbered section
to read:

"Section ____ . Act No. 6226 (Bill No. 22-0135) is amended as follows:

1. In Section 2, strike item 17, and insert the following item:

"() in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,230,000 for the
construction of a long term mental health facility next to the Eldra
Schulterbrandt facility on the eastern end of St. Thomas;"

Amendment No. 23-471/March 1, 2000/amp

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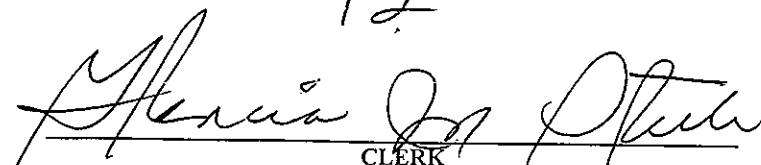
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RICHARDS Vargrave A.	12			

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MONUMENT #005111 NO. 23-0206
23-097 offered by Senator Hanson

Bill No. 23-0206 is amended
by adding a new appropriately numbered
section to read as follows;

"SECTION . There is appropriated
from the Indirect Cost Fund
for the fiscal year ending
September 30, 2000 the sum
of \$5,000,000 for the
purposes of repairing and
renovating the sewage system
on the island of St. Croix \$400,000
and \$1,000,000 for the V.I. Post Authority
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F 23-097 / March 2, 2000 / CCX

Sen. Lorraine Berry: Agree, object #23-094
 Decided by Sen. Gomez.
 TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
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Objection by Sen. Petrus
 Lost

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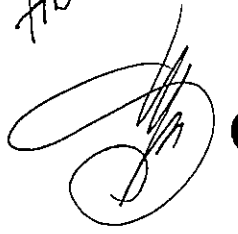
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 Corrine G. K. Hodge
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Amendment to Bill No. 23-02,
Offered by Senator Donasteg
Bill No. 23-0206 is amended
by adding a new appropriate
numbered section to read
as follows:

SECTION IV • Title 3, Virgin-

Code, is amended in the following instances?

(a) Section 581, subsection (e), is amended
by inserting a proviso clause at the end thereof to
read: "However, if the accrued annual leave
exceeds the amount required to be contributed to

receive 100% of retirement benefits, the employee shall
be paid compensation in lump sum for such excess
leave."

~~(b) The provisions of this section shall be effective~~
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Question - shall Secretary of the Territory be sworn in notwithstanding veto of the Governor

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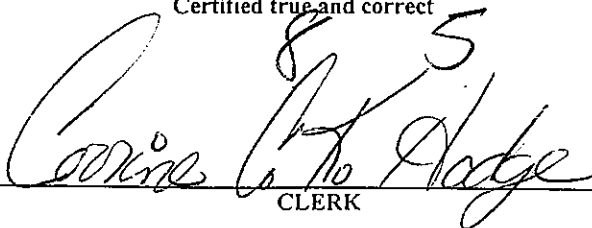
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GOMEZ, Judy M.		3		
GOODWIN, George E.		4		
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ACT NO. 63 44

BILL NO. 23-0206

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

Regular Session

2000

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CLASSIFIED	\$ 42,141
UNCLASSIFIED	<u>30,000</u>

TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 72,141
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	20,601
TOTAL CENTER	\$ 92,742

SECTION 2. ~~Notwithstanding any other law, there is appropriated from the Indirect Cost Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, the total sum of \$5,000,000 for the purposes of repairing and renovating the sewage system on the island of St. Croix, \$4,000,000 and to the Virgin Islands Port Authority to repair the Ann Abrahamson Pier located in Frederiksted, St. Croix, \$1,000,000. The funds shall remain available until expended.~~

SECTION 3. (a) A referendum shall be held on the date of the General Election in the Year 2000 to enable the voters of the Virgin Islands to decide whether the

"(2) In section 3, strike the words 'ten years' and insert in lieu thereof 'thirty years'."

~~SECTION 10. Title 18, Section 232, Virgin Islands Code, as amended by Act No. 6239, Section 3, subsection 9, is amended by inserting at the end thereof "and candidates for public office."~~

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on March 2, 2000.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 7th Day of March, A. D., 2000.



Vargrave Richards

Vargrave A. Richards
President

Roosevelt St. C. David
Roosevelt St. C. David
Legislative Secretary

Sen. Berry Annexment #25-1019 Objection by Sen. Bryson
Seconded by Sen. Golden

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CC Donald "Ducks"		3		
DAVID, Roosevelt St. C.	6			7 (92)
DONASTORG, Adlah "Foncie"		6		2 (92)
GOLDEN, Violet Anne	2			
GOMEZ, Judy M.	3			
GOODWIN, George E.				(92) 1
HANSEN, Alicia "Chucky"		4		
JN. BAPTISTE, Norman				(92) 2
JONES, David S.				3 (92)
LIBURD, Almando "Rocky"		5		
PETRUS, Allie-Allison	4			
RICHARDS Vargrave A.	5			

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Alicia M. P. Tule
CLERK

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AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 23-_____
OFFERED BY SENATOR LORRAINE L. BERRY

Bill No. 23-_____ is amended by adding appropriately numbered sections to read as follows:

“SECTION ____ Act 6297 (Bill 23-0174), section (g), is amended by adding after the words “December 31, 1999 ” the following:

“or as soon thereafter as is possible. Nothing in this language shall be construed to mean that the Internal Revenue Bureau must forgo its usual operational procedures.”

SECTION ____ Act No. 6333 (Bill No. 23-0178), section 29, subsection (a), is amended in the first sentence by deleting “January 1,” where it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “April 1”, and in the second sentence, by deleting the phrase, “within 15 days of collection” and inserting in lieu thereof, “on a monthly basis in accordance with the established billing and collection practices of the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation and other local service providers.”

EXPLANATION

The Internal Revenue Bureau must check all income tax refunds filed each year for errors in calculations, disallowed claims for exemptions, etc. Given the short time between the collections from the 1999 Bonds and the December 31, 1999 deadline for tax refunds, it was physically impossible to have all refunds due issued by that date. Some returns are still being audited by the Bureau and the persons involved are required to present additional documentation before any refunds can be issued. In some cases, a person may be expecting a refund, only to find that due to some error in calculations or disallowed exemptions claimed, he or she may actually owe money to the Internal Revenue Bureau instead. All these factors and more have resulted in delays in the need to extend the December 31, 1999 deadline.

The second section of this amendment amends section 29(a) of Act No. 6333, pertaining to the \$1 emergency surcharge to be added to telephone bills. The amendment is needed to afford telephone companies sufficient time to implement their mandate to

collect the surcharge. In addition, the amendment is calculated to facilitate compliance by changing the schedule for remittance of surcharge payments to the Government, so as be compatible with the companies' established collection and billing practices.

Amendment No. 23-469a/ March 2, 2000/ SA

Peterson's amendment
#23-442

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
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Seconded

objection
Bryan

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BERRY, Lorraine L.	1			
BRYAN, Adelbert M.	2			
COLE, Donald "Ducks"	3			
DAVID, Roosevelt St. C.	11			+ (92)
DONASTORG, Adlah "Foncie"	4			
GOLDEN, Violet Anne	5			
GOMEZ, Judy M.	6			
GOODWIN, George E.				92 1
HANSEN, Alicia "Chucky"	7			
JN. BAPTISTE, Norman				92 2
JONES, David S.				92 3
LIBURD, Almando "Rocky"	8			
PETRUS, Allie-Allison	9			
RICHARDS Vargrave A.	10			

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Alicia M. Petrus
CLERK

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**AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 23-
OFFERED BY SENATOR ALLIE ALISON PETRUS**

Bill No. 23- _____ is amended by adding a new appropriately numbered
Section to read as follows:

"SECTION _____. Act No. 6289 (Bill No. 23-0059), section 3,
subsection (b), is amended by adding a proviso clause at the end
thereof to read;

'However, vacancies for teachers, physicians, nurses, policemen,
firemen, and vacancies that are required to be filled by federal law shall
be exempt from the provisions of this section.' "

Amendment No. 23-442/February 24, 2000/ CEK

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Seconded
 Petrus
 Objection
 Bryan

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COLE, Donald "Ducks"	2			
DAVID, Roosevelt St. C.	3			
DONASTORG, Adlah "Foncie"	12		+ (P)	
GOLDEN, Violet Anne	4			
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AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 23-_____

OFFERED BY SENATOR VIOLET ANNE GOLDEN

Bill No. 23-_____ is amended by adding appropriately numbered sections to read:

"SECTION _____. Act No. 5224 (December 8, 1986), §8 is repealed in its entirety.

SECTION _____. Title 29, §704(b)(2), Virgin Islands Code is amended as follows:

1. In the third sentence, after 'shall be three (3) years', add the following:

'; Provided, That, each appointive member shall serve until the appointment and confirmation of his successor' ."

AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

Section 8 of Act 5224 limits the Governor's appointment powers to the Industrial Development Commission until the Commission reaches 2 - 4 members: the Commissioner of Tourism, the Director of the Virgin islands Bureau of Internal Revenue, and 2 or fewer appointive members. Only then can the Governor appoint new members. Section 8 also reduces the quorum from 4 members to ½ of the members holding office at the time, plus one. This could result in a quorum of only 2 members. This Amendment repeals §8 of Act No. 5224, thus returning to the prior law requiring seven members, including 5 appointive members, and a quorum of 4, with not more than 3 members from the same district. Also, the Amendment allows an appointive member, when his term expires, to serve until his successor is appointed and confirmed.

23-476
23-0206
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
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Reconsidered
Golden
No objection

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PETRUS, Allie-Allison				
RICHARDS Vargrave A.				

No objection

So ordered

Certified true and correct


CLERK

 AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 23-_____
OFFERED BY SENATOR ADELBERT "BERT" BRYAN

Bill No. 23-__ is amended by adding an appropriately numbered Section to read
as follows:

SECTION _____. Title 18, Section 232, Virgin Islands Code, as added by Act No.
6239, Section 3, item 9, is amended by inserting at the end thereof "and candidates for
public office."

Amendment #23-476 / March 1, 2000 / CEK:vs

To: All Members of the Twenty-Third Legislature

Elections Reform Fact Sheet

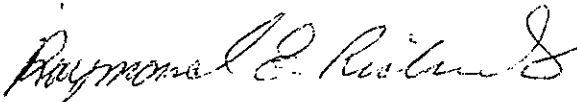
1. During 1997 the Joint Boards of Elections wrote the members of the Twenty-Second Legislature documenting our intent and efforts to submit a comprehensive proposal for reforming Title 18 of the Virgin Islands Code.
2. In May of 1997 we again wrote the Legislature requesting their patience and consideration for allowing the Joint Boards of Election to conduct public hearings on our proposals.
3. During May of 1997 we conducted public hearings on the islands of St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix respectively.
4. During these hearings we receive the support and endorsements of all political parties, the League of Women Voters and other organizations and individuals for our proposal of having all Political Parties in the Virgin Islands conduct their own party primaries to elect party and public representatives for their respective parties.
5. The members of the Joint Boards submitted to then Senate President Berry and all members of the Twenty-Second Legislature our Election Reform Proposals, along with copies of the transcripts for all hearings held by the Joint Boards.
6. For approximately one year the Joint Boards awaited the consideration of our proposals by the Legislative body.
7. On June 26, 1998 the Legislature passed some of the items in our proposals, in a bill to approve the health insurance agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Aetna Life Insurance Company (Act. No. 6239)
8. Subsequently on July 16, 1998 the Legislature passed the other portions of our Election Reform proposal and also corrected some of the inaccurate measures passed in Act No. 6239. (Act No. 6246)
9. Following these actions of the Legislature the Elections System began the implementation of the applicable changes and lauded the members of the Twenty-Second Legislature for these long awaited changes.
10. Since these changes were made the members of the Elections System began preparing and educating the general public of the upcoming changes in the 2000 elections.

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11. In January of 2000 we began the process of adopting rules and regulations for political parties to conduct their respective party primaries.
12. During this process we discovered that the changes recommended in Section 232 of Title 18 in the Virgin Islands Code was not appropriately adopted in Act No. 6239.
13. Specifically, the language "and candidates for public office", was not included in the amendments to the law.
14. This inadvertent act is presently in contrast with other sections of the Elections laws and poses a threat for confusing the Elections System and political parties in the implementation of primaries by political parties.

We are therefore requesting that corrective action be taken to rectify this problem. It is still our position, and that of political parties and organizations, that it is more economically feasible for these activities to be conducted by these organizations.

Respectfully,



Raymond "Usie" Richards, Chairman
Virgin Islands Joint Boards of Elections

Elections Reform of 1997
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Amend Chapter 5 by adding a new section 116 to read as follows:

"Within 120 days after the general election held in the year 1998 and within 120 days after each election thereafter the board of elections shall cause all the district registers to be examined, and in the case of each elector who is not recorded as having voted at such election and the last general election prior to the same, the board shall send to such electors by mail at his address appearing upon his registration, and in whose case it is known he resides, a notice setting forth that the records of the board indicate that he has not voted at the last two general elections, and that his registration will be canceled at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date of the notice unless he shall within that period, file with the board either personally or by mail, a written request for reinstatement of his registration setting forth his place of residence, and signed by him. At the expiration of the time specified in the notice, the board shall cancel the registration of such elector unless he has filed with the board a signed request for reinstatement of his registration as above provided. The cancellation of the registration of any such elector for failure to vote within a period of two years shall not affect the right of any such elector to subsequently re-register by personal application to the board or a board member or the clerk in the manner provided by this chapter. The name of any elector whose registration has been canceled shall be posted forthwith in three places, provided that if the Supervisor of Elections determines that the district registers are incomplete as to one or more polling districts so that it does not appear with certainty whether or not an elector has been recorded as voting in two general elections as above provided, the requirement of this section and the duties imposed on the Board of Elections shall be waived as to electors residing within the polling district for which the district registers are incomplete.

Section 4. Amend Chapter 7, Section 153 (a) by deleting in (a)1, "\$100" and inserting in lieu thereof, "\$150", by deleting in (a)2, "\$60" and inserting in lieu thereof, "\$125", and in (a)3, and (a)4 delete "\$60" and insert in lieu thereof "\$100".

Section 5. Amend Chapter 9, Section 196(a) by deleting the sentence, "No more than 360 electors shall be allotted to any one polling place."

Amend Chapter 9, Section 196(b) by deleting this subsection in its entirety.

Section 6. Amend Chapter 11, Section 232 by repealing it in its entirety, and placing the following language: "The boards of election shall be responsible for certifying the process to be used by any political party to select party officers and representatives for public office."

Section 7. Amend Chapter 11, Section 263 by repealing it in its entirety, and placing the following language: "The board of election shall provide political parties with a certified listing of all registered party members at the close of registration, fifteen days prior to a primary election."

Section 8. Amend Chapter 10, Section 431 by deleting the "1" at the end of the section and adding the following: "under the direction of the District Clerk."

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TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
 Territory of the Virgin Islands
 REGULAR/SPECIAL SESSION 20____
 ROLL CALL

Bill No. _____

Date: 3/2/2000

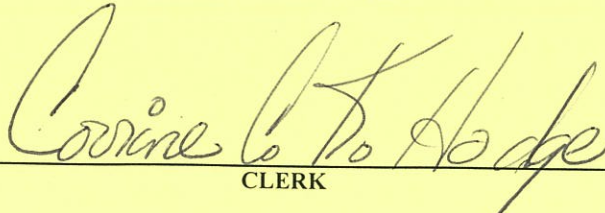
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RICHARDS Vargrave A.				

Certified true and correct



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**Drafted or Reviewed
By Legal Counsel**
YLT

Amendment to Bill No. 23-__

Offered by Adelbert M. Bryan

Bill No. 23- __ is amended by adding an appropriately numbered section to read as follows:

"SECTION __. The Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby authorized to accept for dedication to the public use the road located at Plot No. 23 Stoney Ground on St. Croix, as reflected on PWD Drawing No. 4081, dated January 4, 1982."

Amendment No. 23-153/February 26, 2000/Drafted by YLT

Sen. Plaise's Amendment to the amendment
Seconded

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
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Bill No. 23-0206

Date: 3/2/2000

Short Title: after 4,000,000 to assist VI Road Authority

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HANSEN, Alicia "Chucky"	6			
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JONES, David S.				3
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PETRUS, Allie-Allison		4		
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Bryan Amendment to #23-442

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GOODWIN, George E.				92 2
HANSEN, Alicia "Chucky"	4			
JN. BAPTISTE, Norman				92 3
JONES, David S.				92 4
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PETRUS, Allie-Allison		4		
RICHARDS Vargrave A.		5		

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Amendment to Amendment
No. 23-442

Offered by Senator Bryan

Amendment No. 442 is amended
by inserting after "firemen,"
"other emergency personnel of the
executive branch including correction
officers, emergency medical technicians,
and public works employees
responsible for emergency services."

Richard
#464
Bill No. *230206*

Amendment

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
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CLERK

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AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 23-_____
OFFERED BY SENATOR VARGRAVE RICHARDS

Bill No. 23-_____ is amended by adding an appropriately numbered section to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the Board of Trustees of the Government Employees' Retirement System, as established under Title 3, Chapter 27, Virgin Islands Code, shall purchase Parcels No. 5 and 6, Remainder of Parcel No. 3, Estate Orange Grove, Company Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands consisting of approximately 2.971 U.S. acres, which presently houses the Casino Control Commission and the Government Employees' Retirement System's St. Croix offices. In purchasing the property, the Board shall, if it has not done so already, adopt substantially similar procedures for the acquisition of property by the Government of the Virgin as provided under Title 31, Section 231a, Virgin Islands Code.

(b) Title 3, Chapter 27, Virgin Islands Code, is amended by adding a new Section 735 to read as follows:

"Section 735. Tax exemptions of the System; protection from judicial process

(a) All property, including funds of the System, shall be exempt from levy and sale by virtue of execution, and no execution or other judicial process shall issue against the same nor shall any judgment against the System be charge or lien upon its property. However, this subsection shall not apply to or limit the right of bond holders or mortgage holders or other lending institutions to pursue any remedy for the enforcement of any pledge or lien given by the System on its fees, revenues, or other income or any other funds.

(b) In that the purpose for which the System is created and exercises its powers for public purposes, the property of the System, its income, and its activities, shall be exempt from all taxes, and special assessments of the Government of the Virgin Islands or any political subdivisions thereof."

Amendment No. 23-464/ March 1, 2000/ SA

MEMBER, NASRA
MEMBER, IFERP

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

August 25, 1999

Mrs. Corine D. King
ChairpersonMs. Leona E. Smith
Vice ChairpersonMr. Vincent G. Liger
MemberMr. Francisco Stapleton
MemberMr. Laurence E. Bryan
AdministratorThe Honorable Vargrave Richards
Senate President
Twenty-third Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Lagoon Street Complex
Frederiksted, St. Croix, VI 00840FAX: (340) 773-4748
(340) 693-3642

RE: Proposed Legislation

Dear Senator Richards:

I have been directed by Corine D. King, Chairperson, Government Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees, to seek your support and sponsorship of the enclosed proposed legislation. As per your earlier telephone conversation with Attorney Nibbs, I am pleased with your willing eagerness to sponsor the foregoing legislation on behalf of the System.

The System has recently obtained an Option to purchase Parcels No. 5 and 6 Estate Orange Grove, Company Quarter, St. Croix. To conclude the purchase of this real estate transaction, statutory authorization is required. Time is of the essence in this matter. After forty (40) years, the System is pleased to have found such a suitable site to make a permanent home for our St. Croix Office.

The Board of Trustees has a strong interest in making this local investment on the Island of St. Croix. This investment is significant for a number of reasons. Firstly, it will provide a permanent home for the GERS, and has great potential to be a substantial revenue producer for the System. Secondly, it will add equity in terms of our real estate holdings; and finally, it will enable the System to realize savings on the amount of recurrent rental expenses.

Section 2 of the proposed bill will provide tax exemption status for the System and will provide protection to the System from the judicial process of the System's assets and property from levy and sale by virtue of execution from the

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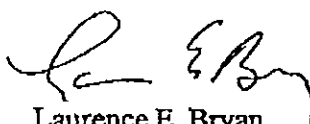
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judicial process. In essence, Section 2 places GERS on par with all other government instrumentalities.

Your willingness to shepherd these provisions through the legislative process to become law speaks volumes for your position in protecting the interest of the Government Employees' Retirement System and insuring its future viability into the next Millennium.

On behalf of the Chairperson and the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you for your keen interest and spirit in assisting the System.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence E. Bryan
Administrator

Enclosure

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pc: Corine D. King, Chairperson
Board of Trustees

MEMBER, NASRA
MEMBER, IFEBP

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

January 20, 2000

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RE: Proposed Legislation

Dear Senator Richards:

On August 25, 1999, I forwarded the attached correspondence to your attention advising you of the need for statutory authorization to purchase Parcels No. 5 and 6 Estate Orange Grove, Company Quarter, St. Croix. Since that time I have been advised by Attorney Nibbs that you had indicated that the proposed draft legislation was submitted to the Legislature's General Counsel for review and would be forwarded to the appropriate committee or perhaps special ordered to the floor for immediate action.

Once again I am writing to request some special consideration of this matter. Today I am enclosing a copy of the Option Agreement. Kindly note, the Option was for a period of One Hundred Eighty (180) days from the date of execution. As of today, **One Hundred Forty-eight (148) days have lapsed.** Time is of the essence in this matter. The GERS is rapidly approaching the expiration date for Option.

The GERS has completed all the required preparatory due diligence work on the proposed purchase. We have acquired a comprehensive MAI Appraisal and land survey of the premises. The Board is prepared to go forward on the final consideration at the February 8th Board Meeting. By that date, a total of One Hundred Sixty-seven (167) days would have expired on the Option leaving thirteen (13) days before the GERS legally breaches the Contract. We have made

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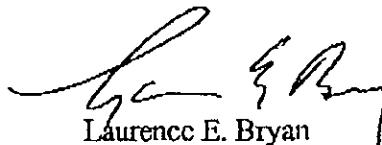
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a significant investment in this transaction thus far and would like to see this matter on to closure because it represents a substantial investment on the island of St. Croix as it will provide a permanent home for the GERS on that island, and has the potential to be a substantial revenue producer for the System.

Your cooperation is once more urged to render any and all assistance in this matter that you are able to provide in an effort to avert a breach of the Option Agreement.

Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please feel free to contact me immediately.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence E. Bryan
Administrator

Enclosures

AEN/hlg

pc: GERS Board of Trustees
Fast Foto, Inc.

COPY

OPTION AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE

OPTION granted this 25 day of August 1999, by Fast Foto, Inc., of No. 1-DA Estate Diamond, P.O. Box 2525, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00822 (hereinafter referred to as "the Optionor") to Government of the Virgin Islands Employees' Retirement System of 48B-50C Kronprindsens Gade, GERS Complex, Third Floor, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802 (hereinafter referred to as "the Optionee").

1. **Grant of Option.** The Optionor, in consideration of the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars paid by the Optionee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants to the Optionee the exclusive right at this Option, for and during the period of 180 days from the date hereof, to purchase the herein described real property, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and everything appurtenant thereto situated on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, which are particularly described as follows:

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- (1) Plot No. 5 of the Remainder Parcel 3
Estate Orange Grove, Company Quarter,
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands,
consisting of 1.801 U.S. acres, more or
less, as more fully shown on PWD No. 1239
dated July 6, 1962.
 - (2) Plot No. 6 of Subdivision of Rem. Pcl. No. 3,
Mtr. No. 3C Estate Orange Grove, Company Quarter,
consisting of 1.17 US acres, more or less, as more
fully shown on PWD No. 991 dated 12/1/60.

2. **Exercise of Option.** In case the Optionee shall elect to purchase the said property, it shall signify such election by written notice thereof, served upon the Optionor within the time above limited; and thereafter, the Optionor shall deliver to the Optionee a Contract of Sale of Real Property, within thirty (30) days from the service of such notice, and the

Option Agreement to Purchase Real Estate
Fast Foto, Inc. & GERS
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Optionee shall have 30 days after the delivery of such Contract to examine the contract and to execute the same.

Written notice of the election to exercise the option may be given to the Optionor by mailing the same in a certified, prepaid, sealed envelope addressed to the Optionor:

Fast Foto, Inc.
c/o Harbhajan Singh Kainth, President,
P.O. Box 2525,
Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00822;

and in the event said notice is given by such mailing, the time of the deposit of the same in such prepaid, certified, sealed envelope in a depository for the receipt of the United States Mail, shall not only constitute sufficient notice to the Optionor of such action, but the time of such notice of acceptance shall be in such case the time of delivery of the same in a United States Post Office as aforesaid.

As a credit to the purchase price, if the Optionee exercises the within option, there shall be deducted One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars the option price herewith receipted.

3. **Right to Inspect.** The Optionor gives to the Optionee, and its duly authorized representatives, agents and employees, the right during the option period and at any and all times after exercise of the election to purchase herein provided for, to enter in and upon the land and buildings covered by this Option, to inspect the same and to make such surveys, measurements, and appraisals thereof as shall be deemed necessary.

4. **Restriction on Sale to Others.** The Optionor agrees not to sell or offer for sale the above-described land and buildings during the life of this Option or any renewal thereof.

5. **Conveyance.** Upon the giving of written notice of election to purchase, Optionor shall promptly execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the Optionee a good and sufficient warranty deed conveying a fee simple title to said land, buildings, and improvements thereof and everything appurtenant thereto, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and other defects in title. The title to the land shall be exclusively subject to approval by the Optionee, and all the costs and expenses of curing any defect or defects in the title shall be borne by the Optionor; and such costs and expenses, together with all moneys required for the satisfaction of taxes, liens or encumbrances may be reserved from the purchase price and applied directly to the curing of such defects, if any, and to the satisfaction and release of such taxes, liens, and encumbrances. All taxes for the year 1999 shall be paid by the Optionor up to the date title is vested in the Optionee.

6. **Imperfect Title.** If title is merchantable, Optionee shall pay for Certificate of Title. If title is found imperfect and seller cannot perfect and Optionor cannot perfect title within ninety (90) days after date fixed for closing, any earnest money deposited shall be returned to the Optionee; and Optionor shall pay to Optionee other costs including title processing charges.

7. **Destruction of Premises.** If, after Sale Contract is executed, the premises be destroyed or damaged for fire, windstorm, acts of God, or otherwise, Optionor shall restore same within sixty (60) days, if possible, and the sale closing date shall be extended accordingly, but otherwise Optionee shall have option of canceling or enforcing Contract; if enforced, Optionee shall be entitled to insurance; if canceled, earnest deposit shall be returned to Optionee. Optionor shall assume risk of such destruction or damage and shall have the obligation to obtain consent of insurance companies to Sale Contract.

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8. **Mechanics' Liens.** If improvements or additions have been completed within six (6) month prior to sale closing date, Optionor shall furnish reasonable security against mechanics liens or satisfactory evidence of payment of bills.

9. **Broker's Commission.** Optionee covenants, warrants, and represents that there was no broker instrumental in consummating this Option, and that no broker will be utilized with regard to the Contract of Sale, and that no conversations or prior negotiations were had with any individuals or broker concerning the sale of the property. Optionee agrees to hold Optionor harmless against any claims for brokerage commissions arising out of any conversation or negotiations had by Optionee with any broker.

10. **Failure to Exercise Option.** If the Optionee should fail to exercise this Option within the period provided therefor, or if after the exercise of this Option, the Optionee shall reject the title to said land and buildings as defective, then this agreement shall be void and of no further force or effect.

11. **Assignment.** This Contract may be assigned only with the written consent of all parties hereto. In the event of such assignment, the assignee shall be substituted for, and shall have all rights, powers, privileges, and duties of the Optionee hereunder. A copy of the instrument used in making such assignment shall be furnished to the Optionor.

12. **Entire Contract.** This Agreement shall constitute the entire contract between the Optionor and the Optionee, and no modification hereof shall be binding unless approved in writing.

13. **Successors Bound.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each of the parties hereto and their respective assigns and successors.

14. **Agreement Made in the Virgin Islands.** The laws of the U.S. Virgin Islands shall govern the validity, performance, and enforcement of this Option Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties herein have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES:

Khemwattie Kainth
Joss Sato

OPTIONOR:

FAST FOTO, INC.

BY: *Harbhajan Singh Kainth*
Harbhajan Singh Kainth
President

ATTEST: *Kainth*
Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 25 day of August, 1999, before me, the undersigned officer, did personally appear Harbhajan Singh Kainth, as President of Fast Foto, Inc., to me well known, and known to be the individual described herein, and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence without force or duress.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission expires on:

Gerald T. Groner
Notary Public: LNP-12-99
My Commission expires: 1/13/03
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

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WITNESSES:

[Signature]
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OPTIONEE:

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BY: Corine D. King
Corine D. King
Chairperson

ATTEST: Laurence E. Bryan
Laurence E. Bryan
Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 20th day of August, 1999, before me, the undersigned officer, did personally appear Corine D. King as Chairperson, Government of the Virgin Islands Employees' Retirement System, to me well known, and known to be the duly authorized individual representative of the GERS, and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence without force or duress.

Dorothy B. Smith
Notary Public

My Commission expires on: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC
Dorothy B. Smith
At the Pleasure of the
Lieutenant Governor of The
US Virgin Islands.

Liburd # 23-451

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Certified true and correct

Melvin M. O'Neil
CLERK

Drafted or Reviewed
By Legal Council

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. _____

(K)

OFFERED BY SENATOR ALMANDO "ROCKY" LIBURD

Bill No. 23-_____ is amended by adding an appropriately numbered section to read as follows:

"SECTION ____ Act No. 5999 (July 22, 1994), §12, ¶ (2), is amended to read as follows:

" (2) In Section 3, in the first undesignated sentence, strike the words 'ten years' and insert in lieu thereof 'thirty years'."

AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

This amendment clarifies a technical error in Act. No. 5999, § 12. Act 5999, §12, ¶ 2 amended Act No. 5168 (June 11, 1986), §3 concerning the franchise granted to Transportation Services of St. John and Varlack Ventures, Inc. Act No. 5168, §3 granted a ten year franchise. In addition, pursuant to Act No. 5168, §3, subsection (b), the franchise did not prohibit the transport for a fee of not more than ten passengers by other companies. Act No. 5999, § 12, ¶2, simply struck "ten", and inserted "thirty" which increased the franchise to thirty years and the passenger limitation from ten to thirty. This amendment makes it clear that the Legislature intended to increase ONLY the franchise to thirty years, NOT the passenger limitation.

Amendment No. 23-451/February 28, 2000/AMP

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Alicia M. Otter
 CLERK

Sen. Bryan Bill 1000 250206
Seconded by Sen. Cole

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