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April 10, 2018

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Sent via email to [mary.moorhead13@gmail.com](mailto:mary.moorhead13@gmail.com)

**Re: Initiative Petition**

Dear President Christopher

Pursuant to Revised Organic Act of 1954, Section 12, this response letter is to inform the St. Croix Government Retirees, Inc. the of the official ballot title, the submission question and a summary of the initiative proposal. Please see statements below:

**Ballot Title**

An Initiative to amend Title 2, Chapter 6 of the Virgin Islands Code, entitled "Apportionment of the Legislature", to create District Senators and At-Large Senators and impose district residency requirements.

**Ballot Question**

Title 2, Chapter 6 of the Virgin Islands Code, entitled "Apportionment of the Legislature", is amended to read as follows: There are five (5) legislative districts with nine (9) district Senators:

1. District of St. Croix, East, shall have two (2) Senators;
  2. District of St. Croix, West, shall have two (2) Senators;
  3. District of St. Thomas, East, shall have two (2) Senators;
  4. District of St. Thomas, West, shall have two (2) Senators;
  5. District of St. John shall have with one (1) Senator;
- Voted on by the qualified electors of the respective district

And six (6) at-large senators:

6. Three (3) shall be residents of St. Croix and
7. Three (3) shall be residents of St. Thomas

Voted on by the qualified electors of the Virgin Islands as a whole.

Shall this proposal become law?" YES or NO

### **Ballot Summary**

This initiative seeks to amend Title 2, Chapter 6 of the Virgin Islands Code, entitled Apportionment of the Legislature, to create the following districts:

- District of St. Croix, East;
- District of St. Croix, West;
- District of St. Thomas, East;
- District of St. Thomas, West; and
- District of St. John.

The initiative also seeks to create the following at-large Senators.

- Three shall be residents of St. Croix
- Three shall be residents of St. Thomas.

All senatorial candidates and elected Senators must be bonafide residents of either the District or at-large District that they are seeking to represent.

The St. Croix Government Retirees, Inc. has 180 days beginning **April 12, 2018** to circulate the petitions with the Ballot Question. The deadline is **October 12, 2018**.

As suggested at the Titling Board Meeting, I recommend full pages of petition signatures are turned in monthly, for the staff to verify the signatures in a timely manner. Please keep copies of all Petition papers once filed with the Office of the Supervisor. A Voter Registration Reference Report is attached for your information, determining the number of register voters as of today.

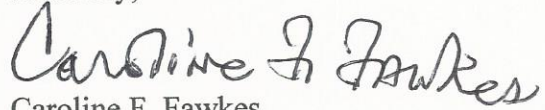
In the St. Croix District there are **22,978** voters and in the St. Thomas/St. John District there are **25,299** voters.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via email [caroline.fawkes@vi.gov](mailto:caroline.fawkes@vi.gov) or telephone 227-8827.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline F. Fawkes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Caroline F. Fawkes  
Supervisor of Elections

Encls: VR Statistics Cross Reference Report dtd April 8th