

and procedure set forth in the first section of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control and other purposes", approved December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887).

33 USC 701-1.  
Report to President.

SEC. 9. (a) The Commission is authorized and directed to prepare a final report, within the time provided for in this section, for submission to the President. Before the Commission takes final action on the approval of such report for submission to the President, it shall transmit a copy of such report to each department, agency, and governor referred to in subsection (b) of section 3 of this Act. Within ninety days from the date of receipt by each such department, agency, and governor of such proposed report, the written views, comments, and recommendations of such department, agency, and governor shall be submitted to the Commission. The Commission may adopt in its report to the President any views, comments, and recommendations so submitted and change its report accordingly. The Commission shall transmit to the President, with its final report, the submitted views, comments, and recommendations of each such department, agency, and governor whether or not adopted by such Commission.

Report to Congress.

(c) The President shall, within ninety days after the receipt by him of the final report of the Commission, transmit it to Congress with his views, comments, and recommendations.

(d) The final report of the Commission and its attachments shall be printed as a House or Senate document.

Appropriations.

SEC. 10. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved August 28, 1958.

## Public Law 85-851

### AN ACT

To amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands.

August 28, 1958  
[H. R. 12303]

68 Stat. 497.  
48 USC 1561.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

Loyalty statement.

"No political or religious test other than an oath to support the Constitution and the laws of the United States applicable to the Virgin Islands, and the laws of the Virgin Islands, shall be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the Government of the Virgin Islands."

48 USC 1574.

SEC. 2. Subsection (a) of section 8 of said Act is amended to read as follows:

Legislative power and authority.

"(a) The legislative authority and power of the Virgin Islands shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation not inconsistent with this Act or the laws of the United States made applicable to the Virgin Islands, but no law shall be enacted which would impair rights existing or arising by virtue of any treaty or international agreement entered into by the United States, nor shall the lands or other property of nonresidents be taxed at a higher rate than the lands or other property of residents."

Code of laws.

SEC. 3. Subsection (e) of section 8 of said Act is amended by striking the words "and any supplements to it".

Comptroller.

SEC. 4. Subsection (a) of section 17 of said Act is amended by striking the words "not to exceed".

SEC. 5. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 17 of said Act are amended to read as follows:

Appeals from decisions.  
48 USC 1599.

“(e) The decisions of the government comptroller shall be final except that appeal therefrom may, with the concurrence of the Governor, be taken by the party aggrieved or the head of the Department concerned, within one year from the date of the decision, to the Secretary of the Interior, which appeal shall be in writing and shall specifically set forth the particular action of the government comptroller to which exception is taken, with the reasons and the authorities relied upon for reversing such decision.

“(f) If the Secretary of the Interior confirms the decision of the government comptroller, or if the Governor does not concur in the taking of an appeal to the Secretary, then relief may be sought by suit in the District Court of the Virgin Islands if the claim is otherwise within its jurisdiction.”

SEC. 6. (a) Subsection (c) of section 20 of said Act is amended to read as follows:

48 USC 1641.  
Salaries.

“(c) The salaries of the Governor, the Government Secretary, the government comptroller, and the members of their immediate staffs shall be paid by the United States. The salaries of the heads of the executive departments shall be paid by the government of the Virgin Islands; and if the legislature shall fail to make an appropriation for such salaries, the salaries theretofore fixed shall be paid without the necessity of further appropriations therefor.”

(b) This section 6 shall become effective on July 1, 1959.

SEC. 7. The last sentence of section 24 of said Act is amended to read as follows: “The Attorney General shall appoint a United States marshal for the Virgin Islands, to whose office the provisions of chapter 33 of title 28, United States Code, shall apply.”

48 USC 1614.  
U. S. Marshall,  
appointment.

SEC. 8. The first sentence of section 26 of said Act is amended to read as follows: “All criminal cases originating in the district court shall be tried by jury upon demand by the defendant or by the Government.”

28 USC 541.  
Trial by Jury.

SEC. 9. Wherever the term “district attorney” appears in the seventh and eighth sentences of section 27 of said Act the following term shall be substituted: “United States attorney”.

48 USC 1617.

SEC. 10. The first sentence of subsection (b) of section 8 of said Act is amended to read as follows: “The legislature of the government of the Virgin Islands may cause to be issued on behalf of said government bonds or other obligations (1) for a specific public improvement or specific public undertaking authorized by an act of the legislature, and (2) for the establishment, construction, operation, maintenance, reconstruction, improvement, or enlargement of other projects, authorized by an act of the legislature, which will, in the legislature’s judgment, promote the public interest by economic development of the Virgin Islands. Such bonds or obligations shall be payable solely from the revenues directly derived from and attributable to such specific public improvement, public undertaking, or other project.”

48 USC 1574.  
Issuance of  
bonds.

SEC. 11. As used in this Act, the term “Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands” means the Act of July 22, 1954 (68 Stat. 497), as amended (48 U. S. C., secs. 1541 et seq.).

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