

**BILL NO. 31-0162**

**Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**July 10, 2015**

An Act amending 16 V.I.C § 181 relating to change of name applications, requiring the applicant to provide certain identifying information

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly

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1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2       **SECTION 1.** Title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, section 181 is amended by  
3 striking “District” and inserting “Superior”, designating the existing paragraph as subsection (b)  
4 and by adding subsection (a) to read as follows:

5       “(a) Each application for change of name must be notarized and must provide the  
6 following information about the applicant:

7               (1) The applicant’s name and current address;

8               (2) The date and place of birth of the applicant, and if known, the applicant’s  
9 father’s name, the applicant’s mother’s maiden name, and where applicant has resided  
10 since birth;

11               (3) If the applicant is married, the name of the applicant’s spouse, and if the  
12 applicant has children, the names and ages of each child and where the child resides;

1 (4) The applicant’s occupation and where the applicant is employed and has  
2 been employed for five years preceding the filing of the application for change of name;

3 (5) If the applicant attended graduate school, the names of all graduate  
4 schools attended, the date of graduation, and degrees received;

5 (6) Whether the applicant has ever been arrested for or charged with, pled  
6 guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense,  
7 regardless of adjudication, and if so, when and where;

8 (7) Whether the applicant has ever been adjudicated bankrupt and if so, where  
9 and when;

10 (8) Whether the applicant’s civil rights have ever been suspended or, if the  
11 applicant’s civil rights have been suspended, the date on which full restoration of civil  
12 rights occurred; and

13 (9) Whether the applicant has been generally known or called by any other  
14 names or aliases and if so, by what names or aliases and where and when.”

15 **BILL SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends Title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, section 181 to require that  
17 certain identifying information be provided on an application for change of name.

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