

of the Virgin Islands who are citizens of the United States and prescription by legislative assembly of additional qualifications.

**§ 1405q. Laws continued in force until modified; patent, trade mark, and copyright laws extended to Virgin Islands; jurisdiction of district court**

The laws of the United States applicable to the Virgin Islands on June 22, 1936, and all local laws and ordinances in force on such date in the Virgin Islands, not inconsistent with this subchapter, shall continue in force and effect: *Provided*, That the Municipal Council of Saint Croix and the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John, and the legislative assembly, shall have power when not inconsistent with this subchapter and within their respective jurisdictions, to amend, alter, modify, or repeal any law of the United States of local application only, or any ordinance, public or private, civil or criminal, continued in force and effect by this subchapter, except as herein otherwise provided, and to enact new laws and ordinances not inconsistent with this subchapter and not inconsistent with the laws of the United States hereafter made applicable to the Virgin Islands or any part thereof, subject to the power of the Congress to annul the same. The laws of the United States relating to patents, trade marks, and copyrights, and to the enforcement of rights arising thereunder, shall have the same force and effect in the Virgin Islands as in the continental United States, and the District Court of the Virgin Islands shall have the same jurisdiction in causes arising under such laws as is exercised by United States district courts.

(June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 18, 49 Stat. 1811.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The laws of the United States relating to patents, trade marks, and copyrights, referred to in text, are classified generally to Title 35, Patents, chapter 22 (§1051 et seq.) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and Title 17, Copyrights.

**§ 1405r. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-357, title III, § 307, Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1709**

Section, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 19, 49 Stat. 1811, related to scope of legislative power of Virgin Islands and prohibition of tax discrimination against property of nonresidents.

**§§ 1405s to 1405t. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 649, 651, 655**

Section 1405s, acts June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 20, 49 Stat. 1812; Dec. 26, 1941, ch. 637, 55 Stat. 872, related to executive branch of Government, and to appointment, powers and duties of Governor.

Section 1405s-1, act Oct. 15, 1949, ch. 695, § 5(a), 63 Stat. 880, prescribed compensation of Governor.

This section was not enacted as part of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States which comprises this subchapter.

Section 1405t, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 21, 49 Stat. 1812, related to appointment, powers and duties of Government Secretary.

**§§ 1405u to 1405w. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-357, title III, § 307, Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1709**

Section 1405u, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 22, 49 Stat. 1812, related to appointment of an Administrator for Saint Croix to act for Governor.

Section 1405v, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 23, 49 Stat. 1813, related to appointment of such other executive and administrative officers as may be required in discretion of Secretary of the Interior.

Section 1405w, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 24, 49 Stat. 1813, related to appointment of all salaried officers and employees of municipal governments by Governor with advice and consent of municipal council having jurisdiction.

**§ 1405w-1. Omitted**

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**CODIFICATION**

Section, act July 3, 1945, ch. 262, § 1, 59 Stat. 359, which related to appointment of an executive assistant to Governor and legal counsel, was superseded by section 1591 of this title. Section was not enacted as part of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States which comprises this subchapter.

**§ 1405x. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-357, title III, § 307, Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1709**

Section, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 25, 49 Stat. 1813, related to vesting of judicial power in District Court of Virgin Islands, organization and conduct of a Superior Court, and appeals from Superior Court.

**§ 1405y. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 649, 650, 654, 657**

Section, acts June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 26, 49 Stat. 1813; Aug. 5, 1939, ch. 430, 53 Stat. 1203; June 25, 1948, ch. 646, § 28, 62 Stat. 991; Feb. 10, 1954, ch. 6, § 3(a), 68 Stat. 12, related to appointment of a judge of district court, a special judge, district attorney, and court officers.

**§§ 1405z to 1406e. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-357, title III, § 307, Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1709**

Section 1405z, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 27, 49 Stat. 1813, related to two divisions of District Court of Virgin Islands, terms of court, rules of practice, and process.

Section 1406, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 28, 49 Stat. 1814, related to jurisdiction of district court generally.

Section 1406a, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 29, 49 Stat. 1814, related to jurisdiction of district court over crimes committed on the high seas.

Section 1406b, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 30, 49 Stat. 1814, related to appeals from District Court of Virgin Islands.

Section 1406c, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 31, 49 Stat. 1814, related to jury trials in criminal cases.

Section 1406d, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 32, 49 Stat. 1814, related to jurisdiction of inferior courts.

Section 1406e, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 33, 49 Stat. 1815, related to appeals from inferior courts to district court.

**§ 1406f. Judicial process; title of criminal prosecutions**

All judicial process shall run in the name of "United States of America, scilicet, the President of the United States", and all penal or criminal prosecutions in the local courts shall be conducted in the name of and by authority of "the People of the Virgin Islands of the United States."

(June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 37, 49 Stat. 1817.)

**§ 1406g. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-357, title III, § 307, Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1709**

Section, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 34, 49 Stat. 1815, related to bill of rights of Virgin Islands.

**§ 1406h. Taxes, duties and fees as funds for benefit of municipalities; appropriations**

All taxes, duties, fees, and public revenues collected in the municipality of Saint Croix shall be covered into the treasury of the Virgin Islands and held in account for said municipality and all taxes, duties, fees, and public revenues collected in the municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John shall be covered into said treasury of the Virgin Islands and held in account for said municipality: *Provided*, That the proceeds of customs duties, less the cost of collection, and the proceeds of the United States income tax, and the proceeds of any taxes levied by the Congress on the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands, and all quarantine, passport, immigration, and naturalization fees collected in the Virgin Islands shall be covered into the treasury of the Virgin Islands and held in account for the respective municipalities, and shall be expended for the benefit and government of said municipalities in accordance with the annual municipal budgets. The Municipal Council of Saint Croix may make appropriations for the purposes of said municipality from, and to be paid out of, the funds credited to its account in the treasury of the Virgin Islands; and the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John may make appropriations for the purposes of said municipality from, and to be paid out of, the funds credited to its account in said treasury.

(June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 35, 49 Stat. 1816.)

**§ 1406i. Taxes and fees; power to assess and collect; ports of entry; export duties**

Taxes and assessments on property and incomes, internal-revenue taxes, license fees, and service fees may be imposed and collected, and royalties for franchises, privileges, and concessions granted may be collected for the purposes of the Government of the Virgin Islands as may be provided and defined by the municipal councils herein established: *Provided*, That all money hereafter derived from any tax levied or assessed for a special purpose shall be treated as a special fund in the treasury of the Virgin Islands and paid out for such purpose only, except when otherwise authorized by the legislative authority having jurisdiction after the purpose for which such fund was created has been accomplished. Until Congress shall otherwise provide, all laws concerning import duties and customs in the municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John now in effect shall be in force and effect in and for the Virgin Islands: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall designate the several ports and sub-ports of entry in the Virgin Islands of the United States and shall make such rules and regulations and appoint such officers and employees as he may deem necessary for the administration of the customs laws in the Virgin Islands of the United States; and he shall fix the compensation of all such officers and employees and provide for the payment of such

compensations and other expenses of the collection of duties, fees, and taxes imposed under the customs laws from the receipts thereof. The export duties in effect on June 22, 1936 may be from time to time reduced, repealed, or restored by ordinance of the municipal council having jurisdiction: *Provided further*, That no new export duties shall be levied in the Virgin Islands except by the Congress.

(June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 36, 49 Stat. 1816.)

**§ 1406j. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 649**

Section, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 38, 49 Stat. 1817, provided for citizenship of officials and for oath of office.

**§ 1406k. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-357, title III, § 307, Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1709**

Section, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 39, 49 Stat. 1817, related to jurisdiction of Secretary of the Interior and Attorney General.

**§ 1406l. Effective date**

This subchapter shall take effect June 22, 1936, but until its provisions shall severally become operative as herein provided, the corresponding legislative, executive, and judicial functions of the existing government shall continue to be exercised as now provided by law or ordinance, and the present incumbents of all offices under the Government of the Virgin Islands shall continue in office until their successors are appointed and have qualified unless sooner removed by competent authority.

(June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 40, 49 Stat. 1817.)

**§ 1406m. Short title**

This subchapter may be cited as the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

(June 22, 1936, ch. 699, § 41, 49 Stat. 1817.)

**SUBCHAPTER III—VIRGIN ISLANDS CORPORATION**

**§§ 1407 to 1407i. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-357, title III, § 308(e), Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1710**

Section 1407, act June 30, 1949, ch. 285, § 1, 63 Stat. 350, related to creation of Virgin Islands Corporation under direction of the President of the United States or his representative for promotion of economic development of Virgin Islands.

Section 1407a, act June 30, 1949, ch. 285, § 2, 63 Stat. 351, related to principal offices of Corporation for venue purposes and establishment of branch offices.

Section 1407b, act June 30, 1949, ch. 285, § 3, 63 Stat. 351, set forth authorized activities of Corporation.

Section 1407c, acts June 30, 1949, ch. 285, § 4, 63 Stat. 352; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-913, §§ 1-3, 72 Stat. 1759; June 6, 1972, Pub. L. 92-310, title II, § 234, 86 Stat. 214, related to general powers of Corporation.

Section 1407d, act June 30, 1949, ch. 285, § 5, 63 Stat. 353, related to utilization of other Federal agencies and instrumentalities.

Section 1407e, acts June 30, 1949, ch. 285, § 6, 63 Stat. 353; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-913, § 4, 72 Stat. 1760; Oct. 4, 1961, Pub. L. 87-382, 75 Stat. 812, related to appropriation of money and establishment of a revolving fund.

Section 1407f, act June 30, 1949, ch. 285, § 7, 63 Stat. 353; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 102, eff. July 1, 1970, 35 F.R. 7959, 84 Stat. 2085, related to use of funds and limita-