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VIRGIN ISLANDS

ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title and commencement
2. Section 4 amended

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Governor.
, 2026

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A BILL FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ACT, NO. 6 OF 2021, TO NARROW THE SCOPE OF EXCLUSIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE ACT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF CROSS-BORDER BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES.

[Gazetted , 2026]

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Act, 2026 and shall come into force on such date as the Minister may by Notice published in the *Gazette* appoint.

Section 4 amended

2. The Electronic Transactions Act, 2021, No. 6 of 2021, is amended in section 4(1)

(a) in paragraph (a) by inserting after the word "instrument", the words "governed by any law of the Virgin Islands";

(b) by substituting paragraph (b) with the following:

"(b) the conveyance of

(i) real property in the Virgin Islands; or

(ii) any interest in real property in the Virgin Islands;";

(c) by deleting paragraph (c); and

(d) by deleting paragraph (e).

Passed by the House of Assembly this day of , 2026.

Speaker.

Clerk of the House of Assembly.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill seeks to amend the Electronic Transactions Act, 2021, No. 6 of 2021, (hereafter referred to as the "principal Act") to clarify and narrow the scope of exclusions under section 4(1) of the principal Act in order to facilitate electronic transactions and improve efficiency of cross-border business transactions in the Virgin Islands.

Clause 1 would set out the short title and commencement. It is proposed that the Act would commence on a date to be appointed by the Minister by Notice published in the *Gazette*.

Clause 2 would provide for amendment of section 4 of the principal Act to clarify and narrow the scope of exclusions under the said section 4 in order to facilitate electronic transactions and improve the efficiency of cross-border business transactions in the Virgin Islands and to remove the uncertainty regarding the use of electronic signatures for certain categories of documents including testamentary instruments, indentures such as a legal contract or loan note instruments, declarations of trust, powers of attorney including a share mortgage and Deeds including secured finance documents, share purchase agreements or documents for transfer of shares and documents for launches of investment funds.

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