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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 27 of 2008

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Act, Chap. 25:50 to provide for the review and definition of boundaries in the electoral area of Tobago for the purposes of elections in relation to the Tobago House of Assembly and to validate certain Reports of the Elections and Boundaries Commission in respect of the electoral area of Tobago.

[Assented to 12th December, 2008]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2008.

Interpretation
Chap. 25:50

2. In this Act, “the Act” means the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Act.

Long title
amended

3. The long title of the Act is amended by inserting after the words “Local Government Elections”, the words “and Tobago House of Assembly Elections”.

Section 1
amended

4. Section 1 of the Act is amended by deleting the words “(Local Government)”, and substituting the words “(Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly)”.

Section 2
amended

5. Section 2 of the Act is amended by deleting the definition “electoral area” and substituting the following definition of:

“ “electoral area” means—

(a) in relation to a Municipal Council election, any Municipality mentioned in the First Schedule; and

(b) in relation to the Tobago House of Assembly, the area mentioned in the first column and described in the second column of Part III of the First Schedule;”.

First Schedule
amended

6. The First Schedule to the Act is amended by inserting after Part II, the following Part:

“PART III

<i>Name of electoral area</i>	<i>Description of electoral area</i>	<i>Number of electoral districts</i>
Tobago	The Island of Tobago	12”.

7. The Second Schedule of the Act is amended by— Second Schedule
amended

- (a) renumbering rule “2” as “2.(1)”;
- (b) inserting after rule “2.(1)” as renumbered, the following subrule:

“ (2) There shall be twelve electoral districts in the electoral area of Tobago.”; and

- (c) deleting rule 5 and substituting the following rule:

“5. In the delimitation of electoral districts in electoral areas—

(a) rules 1, 2(1) and 3 shall apply in respect of regional electoral districts;

(b) rules 1, 2(2) and 3 shall apply in respect of the electoral area of Tobago; and

(c) rule 4 shall apply in respect of municipal electoral areas.”.

8. This Act is deemed to have come into force on the Commencement 14th day of September, 1990.

9. The Reports of the Elections and Boundaries Validation Commission in respect of the boundaries of the electoral districts in the electoral area of Tobago for the years 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004, and all acts or things done pursuant to the Reports, are deemed to have been as valid and effectual as if sections 3 to 6 of this Act had been in force when the Reports were made.

The Report and the
2004 Order to
subsist for the
Tobago House of
Assembly
elections, 2009

10. Notwithstanding section 4(2)(c) and 4(6) of the Act and any other written law, for the purposes only of the Tobago House of Assembly elections in 2009, the Report and the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) (Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2004, shall subsist and remain valid and effectual for the aforementioned elections.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 1st day of December, 2008.

J. SAMPSON
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of December, 2008.

N. JAGGASSAR
Clerk of the Senate

Senate amendments agreed to by the House of Representatives this 12th day December, 2008.

J. SAMPSON
Clerk of the House