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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**BILL**

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  
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ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION (LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT) (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION)  
BILL, 2008

**Explanatory Note**

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to  
indicate its general purport)

This Bill seeks 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 the Tobago House of Assembly elections.

Clauses 1 and 2 would provide for the short title and interpretation.

Clause 3 would amend Section 2 of the Act to expand the term “electoral area to include its relation to the Tobago House of Assembly.”

Clause 4 would insert Part III in the First Schedule which will state the electoral districts of the Island of Tobago.

Clause 5 would amend the Second Schedule by inserting provisions which will indicate the applicability of the rules in the Schedule to the electoral area of Tobago.

Clause 6 would provide for the provision of the amending Bill to be deemed to have come into force on the 14th September, 1990.

Clause 7 would validate certain Reports of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Act, Chap. 25:50.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Elections and <sup>Enactment</sup>

Short title            Boundaries Commission (Local Government)  
(Amendment Validation) Act, 2008.

Interpretation  
Chap. 25:50            **2.** In this Act, “the Act” means the Elections and  
Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Act.

Section 2  
amended                **3.** 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 elec-  
tion, 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                **4.** 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”.

Second Schedule  
amended                **5.** The Second Schedule of the Act is amended by—

- (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.”.

6. This Act is deemed to have come into force on the <sup>Commencement</sup> 14th day of September, 1990.

7. The Reports of the Elections and Boundaries <sup>Validation</sup> Commission in respect of the boundaries of the electoral districts in the electoral area of Tobago for the years 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004 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.

Passed in the House of Representatives this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

*Clerk of the House*

I confirm the above.

*Speaker*

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Passed in the Senate this       day of       , 2008.

*Clerk of the Senate*

I confirm the above.

*President of the Senate*

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