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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**BILL**

THIS BILL will seek to the National Lotteries Control Act, Chap. 21:04, the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03, the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) Act, Chap. 39:58, the Children's Authority Act, Chap. 46:10, the Water and Sewerage Authority Act, Chap. 54:40 and the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission Act, Chap. 54:70 to provide for amendments to the composition of various boards and the borrowing powers of certain boards and matters connected therewith

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THE MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS (POWERS OF  
STATUTORY AUTHORITIES AND MATTERS RELATED  
TO CERTAIN BOARDS) BILL, 2020

**Explanatory Notes**

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

This Bill contains 8 clauses and seeks to amend the National Lotteries Control Act, Chap. 21:04, the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03, the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) Act, Chap. 39:58, the Children's Authority Act, Chap. 46:10, the Water and Sewerage Authority Act, Chap. 54:40 and the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission Act, Chap. 54:70 to provide for the amendments to the composition of a number of Boards and the borrowing powers of certain Boards.

Clause 1 of the Bill contains the short title of the Act for which this is the Bill.

Clause 2 of the Bill would provide that the Act for which this is the Bill will come into effect on Proclamation by the President.

Clause 3 of the Bill would amend the National Lotteries Control Act, Chap. 21:04 in section 3(2) by deleting the word "four" and substituting the word "eight".

Clause 4 of the Bill would amend the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03 by inserting a new section 51A to empower the Tobago House of Assembly, with the approval of the Minister of Finance, to raise money by the issue of securities for the purposes of meeting any of its obligations or discharging any of its functions. This clause would also empower the Minister of Finance to guarantee the borrowings accordingly.

Clause 5 of the Bill would amend the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) Act, Chap. 39:58 to decrease the number of Board Members from fourteen members to seven members.

Clause 6 of the Bill will amend the Children's Authority Act, Chap. 46:10. Paragraph (a) of clause 6 will amend section 7(2A) to change the age of the person representing youth on the Board of the Children's authority from thirty years to thirty-five years.

Paragraph (b) of clause 6 will amend section 7(2B)(a) to change the reference from “child psychology” to simply “psychology” as there is a dearth of child psychologists in Trinidad and Tobago and the post is more likely to be filled by a person with qualifications and skills in psychology.

Clause 7 would amend the Water and Sewerage Authority Act, Chap. 54:40. Paragraph (a) of clause 7 would increase the members of the Board from nine to eleven. Paragraph (b) would insert a new section 26A to empower the Authority, with the approval of the Minister of Finance, to raise money by the issue of securities for the purposes of meeting any of its obligations or discharging any of its functions.

Clause 8 would amend the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission Act, Chap. 54:70.

Paragraph (a) of clause 8 would delete the word “President” and substitute the words “Minister of Finance”. This amendment would require the Commission to seek the approval of the Minister of Finance instead of that of the President to borrow or raise capital.

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**Arrangement of Clauses**

*Clause*

1. Short title
2. Commencement
3. Chap. 21:04 amended
4. Chap. 25:03 amended
5. Chap. 39:58 amended
6. Chap. 46:10 amended
7. Chap. 54:40 amended
8. Chap. 57:40 amended

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Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short title	<b>1.</b> This Act may be cited as the Miscellaneous Amendments (Powers of Statutory Authorities and Matters related to certain Boards) Bill, 2020.
Commencement	<b>2.</b> This Act will come into effect on Proclamation by the President.
Chap. 21:04 amended	<b>3.</b> The National Lotteries Control Act is amended in section 3(2), by deleting the word “four” and substituting the word “eight”.
Chap. 25:03 amended	<b>4.</b> The Tobago House of Assembly Act is amended by inserting after section 51, the following section: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">“Power to issue securities      51A. (1) The Secretary may, with the approval of the Minister, raise money by the issue of securities for the purposes of meeting any of the obligations and discharging of any of the functions of the Assembly.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">(2) The Minister may guarantee the discharge by the Assembly of its obligations in respect of any issuance of securities under this section, in such manner and on such conditions as he thinks fit.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">(3) For the purposes of this section, “security” has the meaning assigned to it under the Securities Act.”.</p>
Chap. 39:58 amended	<b>5.</b> The National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) Act, is amended in section 4(1)(a) by deleting the word “fourteen” and substituting the word “seven”.
Chap. 46:10 amended	<b>6.</b> The Children’s Authority Act is amended in section 7, in— <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) subsection (2A)(a), by deleting the word “thirty” and substituting the words “thirty-five”; and</p>

(b) subsection (2B)(a), by deleting the word “child”.

7. The Water and Sewerage Authority Act is Chap. 54:40  
amended— amended

(a) in section 3(2), by deleting the word “nine” and substituting the word “eleven”;

(b) by inserting after section 26, the following section:

“Power to  
issue  
securities 26A. (1) The Authority may, subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance, raise money by the issue of securities required by it for meeting any of its obligations and discharging of any of its functions.

(2) For the purposes of this section, “security” has the meaning assigned to it under the Securities Act.”; and

(c) in section 28(1), by inserting after the words “section 26(2)”, the words “or section 26A”.

8. The Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission Chap. 54:70  
Act is amended in section 21— amended

(a) in subsection (1) by—

(i) deleting the word “President” and substituting the words “Minister of Finance”;

(ii) deleting the full stop at the end of paragraph (e) and substituting the words “; or”; and

(iii) inserting after paragraph (e), the following paragraph:

“(f) such other purposes as the Minister of Finance may approve.”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(3) For the purposes of this section, “security” has the meaning assigned to it under the Securities Act.”.

Chap. 83:02

Passed in the House of Representatives this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

*Clerk of the House*

I confirm the above.

*Speaker*

Passed in the Senate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2020.

*Clerk of the Senate*

I confirm the above.

*President of the Senate*



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