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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 2 of 2021

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Tobago House of Assembly Act,
Chap. 25:03 and to make consequential amendments
to the Elections and Boundaries (Local Government
and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50

[Assented to 16th March, 2021]

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Tobago House of Short title
Assembly (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Interpretation Chap. 25:03	2. In this Act, “the Act” means the Tobago House of Assembly Act.
Commencement	3. This Act shall come into effect on such date as is set by the President by Proclamation.
Section 5 amended	4. Section 5 of the Act is amended in subsection (1), in paragraph (a), by deleting the word “twelve” and substituting the word “fifteen”.
Section 22 repealed and substituted	5. The Act is amended by repealing section 22 and substituting the following new section: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <p>22. (1) The Assembly shall continue for four years from the date of its first sitting after any primary election and shall then stand dissolved, unless the Assembly, by resolution, dissolves itself at an earlier date.</p> <p>(2) The President, after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Chief Secretary, shall fix the date of a primary election, which date shall not be earlier than the expiration of two months after the dissolution of the Assembly nor later than the expiration of three months after that dissolution.</p> <p>(3) Where the Assembly remains dissolved after a primary election and no Assembly is constituted within fourteen days of such primary election, the Chief Secretary, after consultation with the President and Prime Minister, shall fix a date of a fresh primary election, which date shall not be earlier than the expiration of two months after the coming into force of an Order made under section 4 of the Elections and Boundaries (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act nor later than the expiration of three months after the coming into force of that Order.”</p> </div>

6. The Act listed in the First Column of the Table set out in the Schedule is amended to the extent set out in the Second Column of the Table.

SCHEDULE

FIRST COLUMN	SECOND COLUMN
<i>Title of Act</i>	<i>Nature of Amendment</i>
The Elections and Boundaries (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, 2020	<p>A. Section 2 of the Act is amended by deleting the definition of “electoral district” and substituting the following new definition:</p> <p>“electoral district” means in relation to—</p> <p>(a) a Local Government election; or</p> <p>(b) a Tobago House of Assembly election,</p> <p>a constituency as defined in an Order made under section 4;</p> <p>B. Section 3 of the Act is repealed and the following new section is substituted:</p> <p>“Electoral areas Act—</p> <p>3. For the purposes of this Act—</p> <p>(a) Trinidad is divided into—</p> <p>(i) the five Cities and Boroughs mentioned in the first column of Part I of the First Schedule and described in the second column of Part I of the First Schedule; and</p> <p>(ii) the nine Regional Municipalities mentioned in the first column of Part II of the First Schedule and described in the second column of Part II of the First Schedule; and</p>
Part I First Schedule	
Part II First Schedule	

SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

FIRST COLUMN

Title of Act

SECOND COLUMN

Nature of Amendment

- (b) Tobago is divided into the fifteen electoral districts mentioned in the third column of Part III of the First Schedule.”;
- Part III
First
Schedule
- C. Section 4 of the Act is amended—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a), by inserting after the words “constituencies”, the words “or electoral districts”;
- (b) in subsection (2)(c), by deleting all the words after the words “Tobago” and substituting the words:
- “—
- (i) not less than two nor more than four years from the date of submission of the last report;
- (ii) in the year 2021 for the purposes of the creation of fifteen electoral districts, within ninety days of the Proclamation of the Tobago House of Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 2021; or
- (iii) where the Assembly remains dissolved after a primary election and no Assembly is constituted, within fourteen days from such primary election, not less than one hundred and four days from such primary election.”;
- and

SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

FIRST COLUMN

Title of Act

SECOND COLUMN

Nature of Amendment

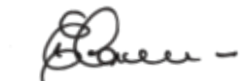
- (c) in subsection (3), by inserting after the word “(a)”, the words “or (b)”;
- D. The First Schedule is amended in Part III in the column entitled “Number of electoral districts” by deleting the word “12” and substituting the word “15”; and
- E. The Second Schedule is amended in item 2(2) by deleting the word “twelve” and substituting the word “fifteen”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 19th day of February, 2021.



Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 2nd day of March, 2021.



Clerk of the Senate