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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **BILL**

AN ACT to validate the date for the taking of the poll in  
the election of Assemblymen to the Tobago House of  
Assembly and for related matters

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THE TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION  
(VALIDATION) BILL, 2017

**Explanatory Notes**

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

The purpose of the Tobago House of Assembly Election (Validation) Bill, 2017 is to validate the writs of election in relation to the election of persons to serve as Assemblymen in the Tobago House of Assembly, to be held on 23rd January, 2017, as well as the date fixed in the writs of election for the taking of the poll at that election.

The Bill contains four clauses.

Clause 1 sets out the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2 provides for the interpretation section of the Bill.

Clause 3 provides that both the date fixed in the writs of election for the taking of the poll at the election as well as the writs of election are deemed to be as lawful and valid as if they had been done in accordance with the requirements of section 33(3)(b) of the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01. The aforementioned section stipulates that the date for the taking of the poll must not be less than twenty-one days after the nomination day.

Clause 4 provides for the validation of all statutory instruments purported to be issued and all acts purported to be done pursuant to the issuance of the writs of election, irrespective of whether those instruments were issued or those acts done before or after the coming into force of this Act.

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**Arrangement of Clauses**

*Clause*

1. Short title
2. Interpretation
3. Election date and writs deemed to be lawful and valid
4. Validation



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WHEREAS section 22(2) of the Tobago House of Assembly Preamble  
Act, Chap. 25:03 provided that 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:

And whereas section 33(3)(a) of the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) provided that every writ of election shall specify the day of the nomination of candidates, being not less than fourteen days after the day of issue of the writ:

And whereas section 33(3)(b) of the Act also provided that every writ of election shall specify the day upon which, if necessary, the poll shall be taken, being not less than twenty-one days after nomination day:

And whereas by writ of election issued by the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the 14th day of December, 2016, the President specified the 3rd day of January, 2017 as the nomination day and the 23rd day of January, 2017 as the day upon which the poll in the election of members to the Tobago House of Assembly shall be taken:

And whereas the day specified in the writ of election for the taking of the poll is less than twenty-one days after the nomination day specified in the writ:

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short title	<b>1.</b> This Act may be cited as the Tobago House of Assembly Election (Validation) Act, 2017.
Interpretation	<b>2.</b> In this Act—
Chap. 2:01	“Act” means the Representation of the People Act;



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Passed in the Senate this      day of                      , 2017.

*Clerk of the Senate*

I confirm the above.

*President of the Senate*

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