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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 1 of 2017

[L.S.]

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

[Assented to 21st January, 2017]

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	1. This Act may be cited as the Tobago House of Assembly Election (Validation) Act, 2017.
Interpretation	2. In this Act—
Chap. 2:01	“Act” means the Representation of the People Act;

“election” means the election to be held on 23rd January, 2017 to elect persons to serve as Assemblymen in the Tobago House of Assembly; and

“writs” means the writs of election issued by the President under section 33 of the Act in relation to the election.

3. (1) The date specified in the writs for the taking of the poll at the election shall be deemed to have been as lawful and valid as if the date so specified had been fixed in accordance with the requirements of section 33(3)(b) of the Act. Election date and writs deemed to be lawful and valid

(2) The writs shall be deemed to have been as lawfully and validly issued as they would have been had the date specified for the taking of the poll at the election been fixed in accordance with the requirements of section 33(3)(b) of the Act.

4. All statutory instruments purported to be issued and all acts and things purported to be done pursuant to the writs, before and after the coming into force of this Act, are deemed to be lawfully and validly issued and done to the extent that they would have been lawfully and validly issued and done had the writs complied with the requirements of section 33(3)(b) of the Act. Validation

Passed in the House of Representatives this 20th day of January, 2017.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL

Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 21st day of January, 2017.

B. CAESAR

Clerk of the Senate