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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**BILL**

**AN ACT to provide for the extension of the period during  
which the election of the next President shall be held**

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THE CONSTITUTION (ELECTION OF PRESIDENT)  
BILL, 2003

**Explanatory Note**

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

The purpose of this Bill is to establish a new time frame for the election of the next President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, in accordance with section 26(7) of the Constitution.

The Preamble would therefore recite the circumstances giving rise to the necessity for the Bill.

Clause 1 would recite the title of the Bill.

Clause 2 would establish the new time frame for the election of the next President.

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WHEREAS it is provided by section 33(1) of the <sup>Preamble</sup> Constitution that the President elected at an election under section 26(4) of the Constitution shall hold office for a term of five years:

And whereas it is provided by section 26(4) of the Constitution that an election for President shall be held not more than sixty days nor less than thirty days before the expiration of the term of that office:

And whereas His Excellency, Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson, T.C., O.C.C., S.C. assumed the office of President on March 19, 1997 and in accordance with the said section 33(1) of the Constitution, his term of office expired on March 18, 2002:

And whereas it is provided by section 33(3) of the Constitution that where for any reason at the date when the office of President is due to expire under section 33(1) there is no person entitled by election under section 26(4) to fill the office of President upon its expiration, the current term of that office shall continue until thirty days after a person is elected to the office of President whereupon the current term of that office shall expire:

And whereas it is provided by section 26(7) of the Constitution that where the time for holding an election for President under subsection (4) has not been complied with, Parliament may make provision for the extension of the period during which elections may be held:

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
Short title	<b>1.</b> This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Election of President) Act, 2003.
Extension of period for election of President	<b>2.</b> The election of the next President shall be held not earlier than February 01, 2003 and not later than May 01, 2003.



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