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1. The **Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2026**, (hereinafter referred to as the “**Bill**”) will be introduced in the House of Representatives by the Honourable Khadijah Ameen, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, on October 7, 2026.
2. The Bill seeks to amend the **Municipal Corporations Act, Chap 25:04** (hereinafter referred to as the “**Act**”) to establish the City of Chaguanas and to establish new Boroughs, including Barataria, Couva, St. Augustine and Sangre Grande.
3. The proposed legislation also outlines revised and new frameworks relevant to the election of certain corporate offices and the vacation of corporate offices upon an individual’s resignation from or expulsion by a political party.
4. Additionally, the Bill proposes the variance of Corporation boundaries and provides for consequential amendments to other pieces of legislation.
5. The Bill, once passed, will come into effect on such date as fixed by the President by Proclamation.

BILL SUMMARY

The Bill seeks to introduce the following:

-  The City of Chaguanas and the Boroughs of Barataria, Couva, St. Augustine and Sangre Grande.
-  Amendment to the definition of the term “**party**” for the purposes of the nominating candidates for Aldermen and the method of election of Aldermen.
-  Adjustment to the number of electoral districts for Municipalities.
-  Expansion of the grounds for declaring a corporate office vacant.
-  Consequential amendments to other laws, including but not limited to the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01 and the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01, to ensure consistency and alignment with the Bill amendments, particularly in respect of Municipalities and electoral districts.

List of Aldermen

6. **Clause 4** proposes to amend **section 12A** of the Act by deleting **subsection (3)** and inserting **new subsections (3) to (6)**.
7. In the first instance, this amendment enables a party to vary the “List of Aldermen”¹ by adding, removing and substituting names from such list, in addition to altering the order of preference of names on the list.
8. A party may modify the “List of Aldermen” as above-mentioned, at any time, including before or after the appointment of Aldermen in accordance with Act. The revised “List of Aldermen” is to be submitted to the Elections and Boundaries Commission.²
9. Moreover, the amendment proposed by **Clause 4** introduces a procedure to be followed in the event that a person named on the “List of Aldermen” –
 -  dies;
 -  ceases for any reason to be a member of that party;
 -  declares in writing that they no longer support the party; or
 -  is unable to or disqualified from serving as an Alderman.
10. In the event of any of the foregoing, the party is required to submit to the Elections and Boundaries Commission a revised “List of Aldermen” within seven (7) days of the occurrence of an aforementioned event. The revised list shall supersede the former list and must set out the same number of names as the number of Councillors to be elected for that Council.

Definition of Party

11. By virtue of **Clause 5**, the definition of “**party**” under **section 12B** of the Act is amended by excluding independent candidates referred to in the **Election Rules** made under the **Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01**. This amendment effectively disqualifies independent candidates from submitting a “List of Alderman” as they will no longer fall within the meaning of a “party”.

¹ Pursuant to **section 12A Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04**, the List of Aldermen refer to candidates in an election for a Municipality or Corporation, nominated by parties.

² **Section 71** of the **Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago** establishes the Elections and Boundaries Commission.

Method of Election of Aldermen

12. Pursuant to **section 13(10)** of the Act, within four (4) days of being informed by the Elections and Boundaries Commission of the number of Aldermen allotted to each party, each party shall submit to the Commission the names of the persons from its “List of Aldermen”, whom it desires to sit as Aldermen of the relevant Municipalities or Corporations.
13. Accordingly, **Clause 6** amends **section 13(11)** by mandating that the Elections and Boundaries Commission declare persons as Aldermen in accordance with the **List or revised List of Aldermen**, which a party submits under **section 12A** of the Act. This amendment requires the Commission to act pursuant not only to the “List of Aldermen”, but also in accordance with **any revised List of Alderman**, which may be prepared in the event of the previously contemplated circumstances, listed above, in relation to **Clause 4**. The Commission’s declaration of persons to be Aldermen in accordance with this section constitutes their appointment.
14. **Clause 6** further amends **section 13(13)** to require a party, in the event of a vacancy, to inform the Elections and Boundaries Commission of which person from the “List of Alderman” or **any revised List of Aldermen**, submitted under **section 12A**, shall fill the vacancy.

Oath of Aldermen

15. **Clause 7** amends **section 13B** by deleting the word “election” and substituting the word “appointment”. The effect of this amendment is to ensure consistency with **section 13(11)**, which provides that the Elections and Boundaries Commission declare persons as Aldermen, which constitutes their appointment. Accordingly, the use of consistent terminology provides clarity and stipulates that the oath of Aldermen be taken upon the Commission’s declaration.

Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

16. **Clause 8** of the Bill proposes a new framework, which outlines the process to be followed in relation to the election of a Mayor or Deputy Mayor in the event of a tied vote. The proposed amendment grants the person who presides over the election, a casting vote, where the votes following an election are equally divided. The person who holds the casting vote is required to exercise such vote in favour of the Councillor or Alderman who has the support of the Councillors or Aldermen who are members of the party that received the majority of valid votes as referred to in **section 11(1)** of the Act.

17. The person presiding over the election is required to determine which party received the majority of valid votes in the election by accepting the election results certified by the Elections and Boundaries Commission. In circumstances where neither party received more than fifty per cent (50%) of the total votes cast in the election, the party receiving the highest number of valid votes shall be deemed to have the majority voted, in accordance with the certification of the Elections and Boundaries Commission.

Vacation of Corporate Office

18. **Clause 9** amends **section 27(1)** of the Act by inserting a **new paragraph (g)** which expands the grounds for declaring a corporate office³ vacant.
19. By virtue of this amendment, a person who was a candidate for a party and elected as a Councillor under **section 11** of the Act, or a person appointed as an Aldermen to the Council under **section 13(11)**, and **who subsequently resigns from or is expelled by that party, renders his office vacant.**
20. **Clause 9** inserts **new subsections 27(1A) to (1E)** which outlines certain procedural matters relevant to the resignation from or expulsion by a party in the circumstances above-mentioned.
21. The **new subsections** provide that a Councillor or Alderman is deemed to have resigned from or been expelled by his party upon a written notice of resignation delivered to the party or by a written notice of expulsion issued by the party and served on the relevant Councillor or Alderman. A copy of any notice as described above, must be delivered to the Chief Executive Officer⁴, who is required without delay, to forward a copy of the notice to the Mayor.
22. Within seven (7) days of receiving the relevant notice, the Mayor is mandated to hold a special meeting of the Council⁵, which is required to declare the office of the Councillor or Alderman vacant from the date of such meeting. In the event that the meeting is not

³ According to section 2(1) of the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap 25:04, a corporate office refers to the offices of Mayor or Chairman; Deputy Mayor or Vice-Chairman; Alderman; and Councillor of a Corporation.

⁴ According to **section 2(1)** of the **Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04**, the **"Chief Executive Officer"** refers to the person for the time being holding the office of City Clerk or Town Clerk under a Corporation and includes— (a) any person appointed as such; (b) any person performing the duties of Chief Executive Officer in accordance with a direction by the President under section 36.

⁵ According to **section 2(1)** of the **Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04**, **"Council"** refers to the Council of a Corporation.

convened with the seven (7) day period, the office is deemed vacant upon the expiration of the aforementioned period.

First and Second Schedule – Boundaries of Boroughs and Cities

23. **Clauses 10 and 11** propose to amend the **First and Second Schedules** of the Act. These amendments vary the boundaries of the boroughs and cities either continued or established pursuant to the Act. The Table below highlights the variations to the boundaries of the relevant boroughs and cities:

Corporation	Existing Position and Summary of Change(s)	Change(s) per cardinal boundary
1. Port of Spain	Existing City Summary of Change(s): <i>The Bill varies the northern boundary only. The existing northern boundary through Bournes Road Ravine, Belle Vue Ravine, Belle Vue Road and Long Circular Road is replaced by a new boundary extending through the Murray Ravine/Fort George area, adjoining property boundaries, Champs Elysees Estate, La Seiva Road, Camallie Road and the St. Ann's Ward boundary before reconnecting with the existing boundary around Saddle Road/Circular Road. The eastern, southern and western boundaries remain unchanged.</i>	North: The Bill expands the City's northern boundary from Murray Ravine into areas presently outside the City, replacing the existing route through Bournes Road Ravine, Belle Vue Ravine, Belle Vue Road and Long Circular Road with a new route extending through the Murray Ravine/Fort George area, several adjoining property boundaries, Champs Elysees Estate, La Seiva Road, Camallie Road and the St. Ann's Ward boundary, before reconnecting with the existing boundary in the vicinity of Saddle Road/Circular Road. East: No change. South: No change. West: No change.
2. San Fernando	Existing City Summary of Change(s): <i>The Bill expands the City northward by replacing the existing northern boundary along the Guaracara River</i>	North: The Bill expands the City of San Fernando northward by replacing the Guaracara River as its northern boundary with a new boundary running from the

	<i>with a new boundary extending from the sea coast to the junction of Cedar Hill Road and the Southern Main Road and along Cedar Hill Road to the Solomon Hochoy Highway. The eastern and southern boundaries remain unchanged, while the western coastal boundary is extended northward to meet the new northern boundary.</i>	coast to the Southern Main Road/Cedar Hill Road junction and along Cedar Hill Road to the Solomon Hochoy Highway.
		East: No change.
		South: No change.
		West: The western boundary remains along the sea coast but is extended northward, terminating at the new point of commencement west of the junction of Cedar Hill Road and the Southern Main Road, instead of at the mouth of the Guaracara River.
3. Arima	Existing Borough Summary of Change(s): <i>The Borough is expanded beyond its existing urban boundaries, extending north to the north coast, east to the eastern boundary of the County of St. George, and south to the Caroni River, with an extended western boundary through the Northern Range and Yarra River area.</i>	North: Expanded northward. The existing boundary along Blanchisseuse Road and the Arima Bye-Pass Road is replaced by a new boundary along the north coast, extending from the mouth of the Yarra River eastward to the north-eastern boundary of the County of St. George.
		East: Expanded eastward. The existing boundary along Cocorital Road/Maturita Trace, the Eastern Main Road and the Arima River is replaced by the

		eastern boundary of the County of St. George, extending south from the north coast through the Madamas and Cuare River watersheds and along the Aripo River to its confluence with the Caroni River.
		South: Expanded southward. The existing southern boundary along the Churchill Roosevelt Highway between the Arima and Mausica Rivers is replaced by a boundary along the north bank of the Caroni River, extending westward from its confluence with the Aripo River to a point south of the junction of Caroni North Bank Road, Mausica Road and Carapo Road.
		West: Extended both southward and northward. The proposed boundary begins at the Caroni River and proceeds via Caroni North Bank Road, Mausica Road and the Churchill Roosevelt Highway to join the existing boundary along the Mausica River. Much of the existing route is then retained to Calvary Branch Trace, after which the boundary is extended north through the Northern Range and along the Yarra River to its mouth on the north coast.
4. Point Fortin	Existing Borough	North: Varied by replacing the west bank of the Vance River as

	Summary of Change(s): <i>The Borough is expanded eastward and southward, with its existing Vance River and Southern Main Road boundaries replaced by a new boundary encompassing areas extending through La Brea Old Road, Point D’or, Morne L’Enfer, Parrylands and South Central Road, while its western boundary continues generally along Erin Road.</i>	the eastern endpoint with the point where the sea coast meets La Brea Old Road.
		East and South: Expanded and redrawn. The existing eastern boundary along the Vance River and southern boundary along the Southern Main Road are replaced by a new boundary running from La Brea Old Road through De Verteuil Street, Prothere Street and Point D’or Street, then through the Boodoosingh Trace, Sobo Trace, Morne L’Enfer Reserve, Parrylands Road and adjoining lands before reconnecting with the Southern Main Road and proceeding via South Central Road to Erin Road.
		West: The boundary continues to follow Erin Road to the point of commencement, with the Bill identifying the road as Erin Road (Guapo Cap-De-Ville Road) and describing its direction as north-easterly rather than generally northerly.

5. Chaguanas	Existing Borough Summary of Change(s): <i>Chaguanas is elevated from a Borough to a City and its boundaries are expanded and redrawn. The City extends northward to the Caroni River, its eastern boundary is reconfigured along the Southern Main Road and Solomon Hochoy Highway, its southern boundary follows the Honda and Caparo Rivers, and its western coastal boundary extends northward to the mouth of the Caroni River.</i>	North: Expanded northward. The existing boundary from the mouth of the Madame Espagnol River through Bejucal Canal and the northern boundary is replaced by a new boundary beginning at the mouth of the Caroni River and following the Caroni River and Uriah Butler Highway to Munroe Road, after which the existing route to the Southern Main Road is retained.
		East: The existing boundary through the Cunupia and Claire Le Riche River, Ragoonannan Road, Longdenville, adjoining lands and the former railway reserve to the Caparo River is replaced by a boundary following the Southern Main Road to the Chaguanas Flyover and then south along the Solomon Hochoy Highway to the Honda River.
		South: Redrawn, beginning at the Honda River rather than the Caparo River and following the Honda River westward to its confluence with the Caparo River, after which the existing route along the Caparo River to the sea coast is retained.
		West: Extended northward along the sea coast, with the northern endpoint relocated

		from the mouth of the Madame Espagnol River to the mouth of the Caroni River.
6. Diego Martin	Existing Region/Borough	North: No change.
	Summary of Change(s): The Borough's south-eastern boundary is redrawn to correspond with the proposed expansion of the City of Port of Spain, replacing the existing Saddle Road; Long Circular Road; Belle Vue boundary with a new boundary through Camallie Street, La Seiva Road, Champs Elysees Estate and adjoining lands. The northern boundary and the western/coastal boundary towards Point Rouge remain substantially unchanged.	
		East: Varied at its southern end. The boundary continues to follow the eastern boundary of the Ward of Diego Martin but, instead of terminating at Saddle Road/Cotton Hill, it terminates where the Ward boundary intersects an imaginary line projected south-east from the south-eastern end of Camallie Street.
		South and West: Redrawn in the south-eastern portion. The existing boundary through Saddle Road, Long Circular Road, Belle Vue Road, Belle Vue Ravine and Bournes Road Ravine is replaced by a new route through

		Camallie Street, Saddle Road, La Seiva Road, Champs Elysees Estate and adjoining property boundaries before reconnecting with the existing boundary in the Murray Ravine/Fort George area. The remainder of the boundary through Fort George Road, the Church of England lands, Ocean Avenue and the seacoast to Point Rouge is substantially retained.
7. Siparia	Existing Region/Borough Summary of Change(s): The Borough's northern boundary is redrawn to accommodate the expansion of Point Fortin, replacing the existing Southern Main Road/Vance River boundary with a new boundary through South Central Road, Parrylands, Morne L'Enfer, Point D'or and La Brea Old Road. Its eastern, southern and western boundaries remain unchanged.	East: No change. South and West: No change. North: Redrawn to accommodate the expanded Borough of Point Fortin. The existing boundary along the Southern Main Road and Vance River is replaced by a new boundary extending from Guapo-Cap-de-Ville Road through South Central Road, the Southern Main Road, the proposed Forest Reserve,

		Parrylands Road, Morne L'Enfer Reserve, Sobo Trace, Boodoosingh Trace, Point D'or Street and La Brea Old Road before reaching the sea coast and continuing to the Godineau River.
8. Barataria	New Borough of Barataria: <i>Established with its northern boundary along the Eastern Main Road from Morvant Junction to the Uriah Butler Highway; its eastern boundary along the Uriah Butler Highway to the Caroni River; its southern boundary along the Caroni River to the Malick River; and its western boundary along the Malick River and Churchill-Roosevelt Highway to Morvant Junction.</i>	
9. Couva	New Borough of Couva: <i>Established with its northern boundary along the Caparo and Honda Rivers; its eastern boundary along the Solomon Hochoy Highway; its southern boundary along Cedar Hill Road to the Southern Main Road and westward to the sea coast; and its western boundary along the sea coast to the mouth of the Caparo River.</i>	
10. St. Augustine	St. Augustine: <i>A new Borough is established, broadly bounded by the Eastern Main Road to the north and the Uriah Butler Highway to the west, with its eastern boundary extending</i>	

	<i>through the St. Augustine/Trincity and Mausica areas to the Caroni River, and its southern boundary extending through the Caroni/Guayamare River, El Carmen, Mon Plaisir and Cunupia areas.</i>	
11. Sangre Grande	Sangre Grande: <i>The Bill establishes the Borough of Sangre Grande, bounded broadly by the north and east coasts, with its southern boundary extending through the Nariva Swamp, Poole River and Central Range Reserve/Forest Reserve areas, and its western boundary extending along Cumuto Main Road and the eastern boundary of the County of St. George to the north coast.</i>	
12. San Juan/Laventille	Existing Regional Corporation Summary of Change(s): <i>The Region's southern and eastern boundaries are redrawn in connection with the establishment of the new Borough of Barataria. The existing Munroe Road-Bejucal Canal-Madame Espagnol River boundary is replaced by a new southern boundary along the Eastern Main Road, Churchill-Roosevelt Highway, Malick River and Caroni River. The northern boundary remains unchanged, while the western boundary is shortened at its southern end to commence at the Caroni River.</i>	North: No change.
		East: Shortened to terminate at the junction of Hutton Road and

		the Eastern Main Road. The existing route from that junction westward along the Eastern Main Road to the Uriah Butler Highway and south along the Highway to Munroe Road is removed from the eastern boundary.
		South: Substantially redrawn. The existing boundary along Munroe Road, Bejucal Canal and the Madame Espagnol River is replaced by a new boundary following the Eastern Main Road to Morvant Junction, the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway to the Malick River, and the Malick and Caroni Rivers to the sea coast.
		West: Shortened at its southern end. The coastal section between the mouth of the Madame Espagnol River and the mouth of the Caroni River is removed; from the Caroni River northwards, the existing western boundary is substantially retained.
13. Tunapuna	Existing Regional Corporation Summary of Change(s): <i>The existing Tunapuna/Piarco Region is substantially reduced and renamed the Region of Tunapuna. Its boundaries are contracted to the Tacarigua area, with the north-coast</i>	North: The existing north-coast boundary from the mouth of the Yarra River to the north-eastern boundary of the County of St. George is replaced by the northern boundary of the Ward of Tacarigua, extending eastward

	<i>and Yarra River boundaries removed, the eastern boundary shifted westward towards the Mausica area, and the southern boundary shifted northward from the Caroni/El Carmen/Mon Plaisir corridor to the Churchill Roosevelt Highway/ Trincity area. The changes correspond with the establishment of the Borough of St. Augustine and the expansion of the Borough of Arima.</i>	to the trigonometrical station at Guacharo No. 170.
		East: The existing boundary along the eastern boundary of the County of St. George, including the Madamas and Cuare River watersheds and Aripo River, is replaced by a new boundary along the eastern boundary of the Ward of Tacarigua through the Northern Range ridge and the Guacharo, El Padre, Cangrejal and Mausica trigonometrical stations, continuing through the Mauxiquita/Arima Old Road area to the Mausica River and Churchill-Roosevelt Highway.
		South: Contracted northward and redrawn. The existing boundary through the Caroni River, El Carmen, Guayamare River, Mon Plaisir and Cunupia areas is replaced by a new boundary extending along the Churchill Roosevelt Highway through the Trincity area,

		Hawkins Drain and the Eastern Main Road to Hutton Road.
		West: Shortened. The proposed boundary is confined to the western boundary of the Ward of Tacarigua from Hutton Road northward to the Ward's northern boundary, removing the existing sections along the Uriah Butler Highway/Eastern Main Road and through the Northern Range and Yarra River to the north coast.
14. Tabaquite/Talparo	Existing Regional Corporation Summary of Change(s): <i>The existing Couva-Tabaquite-Talparo Region is reduced and renamed the Region of Tabaquite/Talparo, because of the establishment of the new Borough of Couva. The northern and eastern boundaries remain unchanged, while the southern boundary is shortened at the Solomon Hochoy Highway and the western boundary is shifted eastward to the Solomon Hochoy Highway/Southern Main Road corridor.</i>	North: No change.
		East: No change.
		South: Shortened to terminate at the Solomon Hochoy Highway. The existing boundary from that point westward along the Guaracara River to the sea coast is removed.
		West: Redrawn and shifted eastward. The existing boundary

		extending from the Guaracara River to the sea coast and north through the Caparo/Honda River and Chaguanas area road and river network is replaced by the Solomon Hochoy Highway and Southern Main Road.
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Third Schedule – Number of Councillors and Aldermen

24. The **Third Schedule** to the Act sets out the number of Councillors and Aldermen to be elected to the Council of each Corporation.
25. **Clause 12** proposes to amend the **Third Schedule** to reflect the establishment of the City of Chaguanas and the Boroughs of Barataria, Couva, St. Augustine and Sangre Grande.
26. Additionally, **Clause 12** seeks to vary the number of electoral districts in the existing Cities and Boroughs.
27. The Table below outlines the amendments to the **Third Schedule** and also highlights the proposed changes to the number of electoral districts in relation to the Municipality:

Municipality	Proposed Number of Electoral Districts	Current Number of Electoral Districts	Number of Aldermen ⁶
1. City of Port of Spain	12	12	4
2. City of San Fernando	11	9	4
3. City of Chaguanas	8	Borough of Chaguanas – 8 ⁷	4
4. Borough of Arima	10	7	4
5. Borough of Point Fortin	6	6	4
6. Borough of Diego Martin	9	10	4
7. Borough of Siparia	8	9	4

⁶ The number of Aldermen for the Municipalities as reflected in the Third Schedule remains unchanged in the proposed Bill.

⁷ The Bill proposes to establish the City of Chaguanas. The Table reflects the number of electoral districts for Chaguanas according to its current status as a Borough and as a proposed City.

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8. Borough of Barataria	5	N/A	4
9. Borough of Couva	6	N/A	4
10. Borough of St. Augustine	6	N/A	4
11. Borough of Sangre Grande	8	N/A	4

Consequential Amendments

28. **Clause 13** provides for consequential amendments to other laws arising from the amendments proposed by the Bill.

References to Written Laws

29. To ensure consistency of terminology and to reflect the establishment of a new City, new Boroughs and the name changes to Regional Corporations, **Clause 13** provides that a reference to the following in any written law shall be construed as a reference to the corresponding item specified in the Table below:

Existing Reference	Revised Reference
1. Borough of Chaguanas	City of Chaguanas
2. Chaguanas Borough Corporation	Chaguanas City Corporation
3. Regional Municipality of Tunapuna/Piarco	Regional Municipality of Tunapuna
4. Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation	Tunapuna Regional Corporation
5. Regional Municipality of Sangre Grande	Borough of Sangre Grande
6. Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	Sangre Grande Borough Corporation
7. Regional Municipality of Couva-Tabaquite-Talparo	Regional Municipality of Tabaquite-Talparo
8. Couva-Tabaquite-Talparo Regional Corporation	Tabaquite-Talparo Regional Corporation

Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01

30. **Clause 13** proposes to amend **section 2** of the **Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01**, by deleting the definition of Municipality and inserting a new definition of **“Municipality”**

into the Act. The amendment simply reflects the revision of names and the status of certain Municipalities as provided for in the Bill.

31. Pursuant to **Clause 13**, the **First Schedule** of the **Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01** is repealed and substituted, also reflecting the amendments to the names and the status of certain Municipalities as provided for in the Bill. The **First Schedule** as above-mentioned outlines the registration areas by which Trinidad and Tobago is divided. As such, this amendment seeks to ensure that the registration areas accurately describe the Municipalities, as amended.
32. Further, **Clause 13** seeks to amend the **Third Schedule** of the **Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01**. The **Third Schedule** provides that there shall be one electoral vehicle for every five hundred (500) electors in an electoral district in the Regional Municipalities, *inter alia*. The amendment to this **Schedule** proposes to appropriately reflect the revised names of the Regional Municipalities in light of the amendments made by the Bill.

Interpretation Act, Chapter 3:01

33. **Clause 13** further proposes to consequentially amend **section 82** of the **Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01**, by deleting the definition of Municipality and inserting a new definition of **“Municipality”** into the Act. The amendment reflects the revision of names and the status of certain Municipalities as provided for in the Bill.

Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chapter 25:50

34. Pursuant to **Clause 13**, the **Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50** is also consequentially amended in **section 2** by deleting the definition of Municipality and inserting a new definition of **“Municipality”** into the Act. The amendment reflects the revision of names and the status of certain Municipalities as provided for in the Bill. The new definition reads as follows:

“Municipality” means the -

- (a) City of Port-of-Spain,
- (b) City of San Fernando,
- (c) City of Chaguanas,
- (d) Borough of Arima,
- (e) Borough of Point Fortin,
- (f) Borough of Diego Martin,
- (g) Borough of Siparia,
- (h) Borough of Barataria,
- (i) Borough of Couva,

- (j) Borough of St. Augustine, or
- (k) Borough of Sangre Grande.

35. **Clause 13** provides a further consequential amendment to the **Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50** in **section 3(a)(i)**, by deleting the word “seven” and substituting the word “*eleven*”. The effect of this amendment is capturing the establishment of new Boroughs, so that the aforementioned section accurately stipulates that for the purposes of the **Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50**, Trinidad is divided into eleven (11) Cities and Boroughs.
36. **Section 3(a)(ii)** is also amended by deleting the word “seven” and substituting the word “*six*” to reflect the change in the number of Regional Municipalities.
37. **Clause 13** proposes to further amend **section 4** of the **Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50**, by inserting a **new subsection (2B)**, which requires that the Elections and Boundaries Commission submit a report on the review of the boundaries of the electoral districts in accordance with **section 4**, within **ninety (90)** days following the proclamation of the Bill.
38. The **First Schedule** of the **Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50**, is amended to reflect the revisions made by the Bill in relation to the establishment of a new City and new Boroughs, and their corresponding number of electoral districts.

Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations *made under* the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 48:50

39. **Clause 13** proposes to consequentially amend **Regulation 2** to include the definitions of the new Boroughs and the new City established by virtue of the Bill. The definition of “***Municipal area***” is also amended to reflect the amendments proposed by the Bill, in relation to the new Boroughs and the new City.

Continuation of powers, rights, property, liabilities and obligations of preceding Corporations

40. **Clause 14** prescribes the continuation and savings of property rights, assets, obligations, legal proceedings, liabilities, powers, duties or functions of the Corporations which ceased to exist, as a consequence of amendments made by the Bill.

Continuation of collective agreements and union representation

41. By virtue of **Clause 15**, the existing collective agreements and trade union representation shall continue for the persons employed with the Municipal Corporations of San-Juan

Laventille, Tabaquite-Talparo and Tunapuna upon the commencement of the Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Act, 2026.

REFERENCES

Key Legislation



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[Municipal Corporations Act, Chapter 25:04](#)



[Elections and Boundaries Commission \(Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly\) Act, Chapter 25:50](#)



[Interpretation Act, Chapter 3:01](#)



[Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01](#)



[Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 48:50](#)



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