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SENATE

# BILL

AN ACT to amend the Real Property Act, Chap. 56:02, to remove the jurisdiction of the Registrar General to receive, process and approve applications to bring land under the Real Property Act in relation to imperfect and possessory title, to transfer such jurisdiction to a Judge sitting in open court and for related matters

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THE REAL PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

**Explanatory Note**

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

This Bill seeks to amend the Real Property Act, Chap. 56:02 ("the Act"), to remove the jurisdiction of the Registrar General in relation to applications to bring land under the Act in respect of imperfect and possessory title, to transfer such jurisdiction to a Judge in open court and to provide for related matters.

This Bill contains nine clauses.

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act on a date to be fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Clause 3 defines the expression "the Act" to mean the Real Property Act, Chap. 56:02.

Clause 4 amends section 2 of the Act to clarify the distinction between applications for bringing land under the provisions of the Act with perfect title and applications for bringing land with imperfect title, by reference to sections 14 and 15, respectively.

Clause 5 repeals and substitutes section 3 of the Act in order to allow for a Judge to deal with applications for bringing land under the Act. It further provides that an application to bring land under the Act is to be commenced by filing a fixed date claim form in accordance with the Civil Proceedings Rules, 1998 and that applications concerning imperfect title are to be heard in open court, while those concerning perfect title may be heard and determined in chambers.

Clause 6 amends section 6(a) of the Act in order to clarify that the power of the Registrar General to require an applicant or other person to produce instruments or other documents, is retained in relation to applications concerning perfect title.

Clause 7 amends section 8 of the Act to retain the jurisdiction of the Registrar General in relation to applications for bringing land under the provisions of the Act with perfect title.

Clause 8 amends section 15 of the Act by deleting all the words from the words ", and in such case" to "duly published", to remove the existing publication procedure in respect of applications for bringing land with imperfect title under the provisions of the Act.

Clause 9 amends section 18 of the Act, by deleting the words "as the Registrar General or" in order to remove the jurisdiction of the Registrar General as it relates to possessory title.

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*[ , 2026]*

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

Short title

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Real Property (Amendment) Act, 2026.

Commencement

**2.** This Act comes into operation on such date as is fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Interpretation Chap. 56:02

**3.** In this Act, "the Act" means the Real Property Act.

Section 2 amended

**4.** Section 2 of the Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2), the following subsection:

"(3) For the purposes of this Act, a reference to an application for bringing land with—

*(a)* perfect title under the provisions of this Act shall be construed as a reference to an application described in section 14; and

*(b)* imperfect title under the provisions of this Act shall be construed as a reference to an application described in section 15.".

Section 3 repealed and substituted

**5.** Section 3 of the Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

"Judges to deal with applications

**3.** (1) A Judge shall deal with applications for bringing land under the provisions of this Act and applications for such other purposes as are specified in this Act.

(2) An application for bringing land under the provisions of this Act shall be commenced by the filing of a fixed date claim form in accordance with the Civil Proceedings Rules, 1998.

(3) An application for bringing land with imperfect title under the provisions of this Act shall be heard and determined in open court by a Judge.

(4) An application for bringing land with perfect title under the provisions of this Act may be heard and determined by a Judge in chambers.".

**6.** Section 6*(a)* of the Act is amended by inserting after the words "have any land", the words "with perfect title,". Section 6 amended

**7.** Section 8 of the Act is amended by inserting after the word "Tobago", the words "with perfect title". Section 8 amended

**8.** Section 15 of the Act is amended by deleting from the words ", and in such case" to the words "duly published". Section 15 amended

**9.** Section 18 of the Act is amended by deleting the words "as the Registrar General or". Section 18 amended

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2026.

*Clerk of the Senate*

I confirm the above.

*President of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this day of , 2026.

*Clerk of the House*

I confirm the above.

*Speaker*

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