
Session Fifth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 10 of 1998

L.S.]

Act to amend the Waterworks and Water
Conservation Act, Chap. 54:41

[Assented to 4th June, 1998]

Enacted by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
No. 10 of 1998

This Act may be cited as the Waterworks and Short title
Conservation (Amendment) Act, 1998.

Interpretation
Chap. 54:41 **2.** In this Act, the Waterworks and Water Conservation Act, is referred to as "the Act".

Section 4 amended **3.** The Act is amended in section 4(a) by inserting before the word "conveying", the word "supplying".

Section 10 amended **4.** The Act is amended in section 10 by substituting subsection (2) for the words "section 4(b), (c) or (d) or other purpose of a similar nature" the words "section

Section 11 amended **5.** The Act is amended in section 11—
 (a) by renumbering section 11 as section 11(1);
 (b) in subsection (1)(a) as renumbered, inserting after the words "Water Improvement Area", the words "as agricultural lands, industrial or commercial sites or estates";
 (c) by inserting after section 11(1) as renumbered, the following subsection:

 " (2) For the avoidance of doubt, I hereby declare that—

 (a) the Public Utilities Commission Act shall not apply to a Water Improvement Rate imposed by the Minister under section 11(1)(b) in respect of a Water Improvement Area declared by him as such under section 10(1)(a) where such areas are classified as agricultural lands or industrial or commercial sites or estates

 (b) a Water Improvement Rate imposed under this section shall not apply to a residence situated within a Water Improvement Area.

 (3) Notwithstanding section 10, nothing in this Act shall be construed as conferring any power on

3. The Act is amended in section 13 as follows—

Section 13 amended

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:

“ (1) The Water Improvement Rates for the supply of water to lands in a Water Improvement Area shall be payable—

(a) by the owners of lands whether they are occupiers of lands or not if the rates are payable by the owners under or by any written law or agreement with the competent authority; and

(b) by the occupiers of lands if the owners are not liable.”;

(b) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following:

“ (4) (a) Without prejudice to subsection (3), where the Water Improvement Rate payable by any person is not paid when it is due, the competent authority may demand in writing that such rate be paid within fourteen days.

(b) Where the Water Improvement Rate is not paid within fourteen days as demanded, the competent authority may cut off the supply of water to the premises and recover the expenses reasonably incurred by it in so doing.

(c) If, before the expiration of the said fourteen days, notice in writing is given to it that there is a dispute as to the amount due in respect of the Water Improvement

rate, the competent authority shall not cut off the supply of water until the dispute has, on the application of either party, been settled by the competent court but only if the person on whom the demand is made tenders the amount due in respect of Water Improvement Rate, without prejudice to the dispute.

(d) Where the Water Improvement Rate is not paid within fourteen days from demand made in writing the competent authority may recover from the person liable summarily as civil debt or as money due under an agreement in any competent court.”;

(c) by inserting in subsection (5) after the words “owner of any land” the words “occupier of any land”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 27th day of March, 1998.

J. SAMPSO
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 21st day of May, 1998.

N. COX
Clerk of the Senate