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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 18 of 1967**

AN ACT to extend the functions and powers of the Boundaries Commission for the purposes of Local Government Elections and for matters incidental thereto.

*[Assented to 24th August, 1967]*

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, <sup>Enactment</sup> by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Boundaries Commission <sup>Short title</sup> (Local Government) Act, 1967.

## Interpretation

## 2. In this Act—

“the Commission” means the Boundaries Commission constituted and appointed in accordance with the provisions of section 53 of the Constitution;

“the Constitution” means the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago;

“electoral area” means—

(a) in relation to a County Council election any of the seven areas mentioned in the first column of Part I of the First Schedule and described in the second column of the said Part I;

(b) in relation to a Municipal Council election, the corporate area of any of the municipalities mentioned in the first column of Part II of the First Schedule and described in the second column of the said Part II;

“electoral district” means in relation to a Local Government election a constituency as defined in an Order made under section 4;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for Local Government has been assigned;

“municipality” means the City of Port-of-Spain, the Borough of San Fernando or the Borough of Arima;

“Municipal Council” means the Council of the Port-of-Spain Corporation, the San Fernando Corporation or the Arima Corporation.

Electoral  
Areas

3. For the purposes of this Act, Trinidad and Tobago shall be divided into—

(a) the seven county electoral areas mentioned in the first column of Part I of the First Schedule and described in the second column of the said Part I; and

(b) the three municipal electoral areas mentioned in the first column of Part II of the First Schedule and described in the second column

of the said Part II comprising respectively the area of—

- (i) the City of Port-of-Spain described in the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance; Ch. 39. No. 1
- (ii) the Borough of San Fernando described in the San Fernando Corporation Ordinance; Ch. 39. No. 7
- (iii) the Borough of Arima described in the Arima Corporation Ordinance. Ch. 39. No. 11

(17)

4. (1) The Commission shall define and review the boundaries of the electoral districts into which an electoral area is, or is to be, divided and shall submit to the Minister reports either— Procedure  
for review

- (a) showing the constituencies into which it recommends that an electoral area should be divided in order to give effect to the Rules set out in the Second Schedule, or
- (b) stating that, in the opinion of the Commission, no alteration is required to the existing number or boundaries of electoral districts in order to give effect to the said Rules.

(2) Reports under subsection (1) shall be submitted by the Commission—

- (a) in the case of its first report after the commencement of this Act, not later than six months after the date of such commencement; and
- (b) in the case of any subsequent report, not less than two nor more than three years from the date of the submission of its last report.

(3) As soon as may be after the Commission has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the Governor-General for giving effect, whether with or without modification, to the recommendations contained

in the report, and that draft may make provision for any matters which appear to the Minister to be incidental to or consequential upon the other provisions of the draft.

(4) Where any draft made under this section gives effect to any such recommendations with modifications, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives together with the draft of a statement of the reasons for the modifications.

(5) If the motion for the approval of any draft made under this section is rejected by the House of Representatives, or is withdrawn by leave of that House, the Minister shall amend the draft and lay the amended draft before the House of Representatives.

(6) If any draft made under this section is approved by resolution of the House of Representatives, the Minister shall submit it to the Governor-General who shall make the Order in terms of the draft; and such Order shall come into force on such day as may be specified therein and, until revoked by a further Order made by the Governor-General in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall have the force of law.

(7) The question of the validity of any Order made by the Governor-General purporting to be made under this section and reciting that a draft thereof has been approved by resolution of the House of Representatives shall not be enquired into in any court.

Amendment  
of First  
Schedule

5. The Governor-General may by Order published in the *Gazette*—

- (a) amend the third column of Part II of the First Schedule by varying the number of electoral districts set out therein;
- (b) amend, vary or modify the Rules set out in the Second Schedule.

Enactments  
amended

6. The amendments specified in the second column of the Third Schedule shall be made to the enactments referred to in the first column thereof.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

(Sections 3 and 4)

## PART I

## THE ELECTORAL AREAS OF COUNTY COUNCILS

FIRST COLUMN	SECOND COLUMN
<i>Name of electoral area</i>	<i>Description of electoral area</i>
1. St. George	County of St. George described in the Division of Trinidad Ordinance exclusive of the City of Port-of-Spain and the Borough of Arima respectively described in the Port-of-Spain Ordinance and the Arima Corporation Ordinance.
2. St. David-St. Andrew	Counties of St. David and of St. Andrew respectively described in the Division of Trinidad Ordinance.
3. Nariva-Mayaro	Counties of Nariva and of Mayaro respectively described in the Division of Trinidad Ordinance.
4. Caroni	County of Caroni described in the Division of Trinidad Ordinance.
5. Victoria	County of Victoria described in the Division of Trinidad Ordinance exclusive of the Borough of San Fernando as described in the San Fernando Corporation Ordinance.
6. St. Patrick	County of St. Patrick described in the Division of Trinidad Ordinance.
7. Tobago	The Island of Tobago.

## PART II

FIRST COLUMN	SECOND COLUMN	
<i>Name of electoral area</i>	<i>Description of electoral area</i>	<i>Number of electoral districts</i>
1. Port-of-Spain	The City of Port-of-Spain described in the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance	12
2. Borough of San Fernando	The Borough of San Fernando described in the San Fernando Corporation Ordinance	9
3. Borough of Arima	The Borough of Arima described in the Arima Corporation Ordinance.	6

## SECOND SCHEDULE

(Section 4)

RULES FOR DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN AN ELECTORAL  
DISTRICT OF AN ELECTORAL AREA.

1. The number of electors in each electoral district of a county electoral area shall, so far as practicable, be the number obtained by the application of rule 2, but the Commission may, in consideration of rule 3 vary such number provided that in no case shall the number of electors in any one electoral district of an electoral area exceed or be less than the number of electors in any other electoral district of that electoral area by more than twenty-five per centum.

2. (1) The number of electoral districts in a county electoral area in Trinidad shall be determined as follows:—

There shall be in every electoral area a basic number of six electoral districts. To this basic number shall be added the number obtained by dividing the electorate of the electoral area by 15,000: provided that where in any electoral area the electorate is—

(a) less than 15,000, there shall be seven electoral districts;

(b) more than 15,000, any residual number left after dividing the total electorate by 15,000 shall be treated as if that number were 15,000 and one electoral district shall be added in respect of such residual number.

(2) There shall be in the electoral area of Tobago, a basic number of six electoral districts. To this basic number shall be added the number obtained by dividing the total electorate by 4,000: provided that any residual number left after dividing the total electorate by 4,000 shall be treated as if that number were 4,000 and one electoral district shall be added in respect of such residual number.

3. In the division of electoral districts in county electoral areas natural boundaries such as major highways and rivers shall be used wherever possible.

4. The number of electors in an electoral district of a municipal electoral area shall be the number obtained by dividing the number of electors in that electoral area by the number of electoral districts shown opposite the name of that electoral area in the third column of Part II of the First Schedule, but the Commission may in consideration of topographical factors vary such number provided that in no case shall the number of electors in any one electoral district of an electoral area exceed or be less than the number of electors in any other electoral district of that electoral area by more than twenty-five per centum.

5. In the delimitation of electoral districts in electoral areas—

(a) rules 1, 2 and 3 shall apply in respect of county electoral areas; and

(b) rule 4 shall apply in respect of municipal electoral areas.

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Section 6)

*Short title and  
Number*

*Amendments*

The Port-of-  
Spain Corpo-  
ration Ordi-  
nance,  
Ch. 39. No. 1.

1. Section 6 is amended—  
(a) in subsection (2), by deleting the words  
“, and may add wards thereto or alter the  
boundaries of any ward” occurring in lines  
three and four thereof;  
(b) in subsection (3) by deleting all the words  
beginning with the words “; and, in case of  
the” occurring in line seven thereof and ending  
with the words “the City” at the end of the  
subsection.

2. Section 7 is repealed. — *Ch. 39, 1967 (Ch.)*

The San Fer-  
nando Corpo-  
ration Ordi-  
nance,  
Ch. 39. No. 7.

1. Section 7 is amended—  
(a) in subsection (2) thereof by deleting the  
words “, and may add to any ward or alter  
the boundaries thereof” occurring in lines  
three and four thereof;

(b) by substituting for subsection (3) and (4)  
the following:—

“Extension  
to be  
published

(3) The Council shall as soon  
as may be convenient after the  
incorporation of any area in the  
borough under the powers con-  
ferred by this Ordinance cause  
a notice to be inserted in the  
*Gazette* and in one local news-  
paper circulating in the borough  
describing the area so incorpo-  
rated, and setting forth the fact  
of the approval of the Governor-  
General to such incorporation.

Extension  
to be  
deemed to  
have formed  
part of the  
borough for  
preceding  
twelve  
months

(4) For all purposes relating  
to the qualification of burgesses  
and councillors, any area incor-  
porated in the borough under the  
powers conferred by this section,  
shall be deemed to have formed  
part of the borough during the  
whole of the twelve months  
immediately preceding the date  
of such incorporation.

2. The Second Part of the First Schedule is  
repealed.

The Representa-  
tion of the  
People Ordi-  
nance, 1961.

Subsection (1) of section 159 is amended—  
(a) by inserting immediately before the word  
“Schedule” occurring in paragraph (a)  
thereof, the words “or Third”;

- (b) by deleting paragraph (b) thereof;
- (c) by renumbering paragraph (c) thereof as paragraph (b).

Passed in the House of Representatives this 21st day of July, 1967.

G. R. LATOUR  
*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 8th day of August, 1967.

J. E. CARTER  
*Clerk of the Senate*