



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 16—1957

[L.S.]

Ord. No. 33 - 1960

I ASSENT,

E. B. BEETHAM

Governor.

18th October, 1957.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the qualifications of electors for the purposes of the election of members of the Legislative Council.

Commence-
ment.

[On Proclamation] No. 21/1957: G.N. 150/57

Preamble.

S.I. No. 835
of 1956.

WHEREAS the qualifications of electors for the purposes of the election of Elected Members of the Legislative Council established by the Trinidad and Tobago (Constitution) Order in Council, 1950, (hereinafter referred to as "the Legislative Council") are prescribed by section 44 of the said Order in Council :

And whereas it is enacted by section 47 of the said Order in Council that subject to the provisions of the said Order in Council provision may be made, by or in pursuance of any law enacted under the said Order in Council, for the election of Elected Members of the Legislative Council including *inter alia* the qualifications of electors, and that any such law may amend or revoke any of the provisions of section 44 of the said Order in Council :

And whereas it is considered expedient to alter the provisions relating to the qualifications of electors for the purposes aforesaid : -

ENACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the Enactment.
advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Legislative Council Short title and commencement.
(Qualifications of Electors) Ordinance, 1957.

(2) This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Governor by proclamation published in the *Royal Gazette*.

2. In this Ordinance—

Definitions.

“elector” means an elector for the purposes of the election of members of the Legislative Council;

“electoral district” has the same meaning as in the Legislative Council (Elections) Ordinance ;

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“enumeration” and “enumerator” have respectively the same meanings as in the Legislative Council (Elections) Ordinance ;

“registered” means registered under the provisions of the Legislative Council (Elections) Ordinance ;

“the Order in Council” means the Trinidad and Tobago (Constitution) Order in Council, 1950, as amended from time to time ;

the qualifying date” means a date being one hundred clear days after the date on which the enumeration commenced.

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 45 of the Order in Council, any person shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in any one electoral district if he—

- (a) is a British subject of the age of twenty-one years or upwards at the qualifying date; and
- (b) has resided in the Colony for a period of at least one year immediately before the qualifying date or is domiciled in the Colony and is resident therein at the date of commencement of the enumeration; and
- (c) has resided in the electoral district in which he claims to be registered for a period of at least six months immediately before the qualifying date.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (1) of this section, if any person residing in any electoral district has not resided in such electoral district for a period of six months immediately before the qualifying date, such person shall be entitled, if he is qualified as provided by paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of this section, to be registered as an elector in the electoral district in which he has last resided for six months.

(3) Where a person would be entitled to be registered as an elector in any electoral district if he continued to reside in that electoral district until the qualifying date, he shall be entitled to be registered by the enumerator notwithstanding that at the date of commencement of the enumeration he has not resided for the full period specified in paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) of sub-section (1) of this section.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, a person registered by an enumerator as an elector for an electoral district shall be deemed to continue to reside in such electoral district during the period between the date of commencement of the enumeration and the qualifying date and no change of residence during such period shall deprive him of his right to be registered as an elector for such electoral district or entitle him to be registered in any other electoral district.

4. Section 44 of the Order in Council is hereby amended by revoking subsection (1) thereof.

Passed in Council this eleventh day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

G. E. L. LAFOREST

Clerk of the Council.