

LAWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

HABEAS CORPUS ACT

CHAPTER 8:01

Act
11 of 1841
Amended by
*12 of 1833
45 of 1979

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Note
on
Subsidiary Legislation

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

Note
on
Act 12 of 1833

This Act was incorporated in Act 11 of 1841 in the 1902 Edition.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

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SCHEDULE.

An Act relating to writs of Habeas Corpus.

[19TH OCTOBER 1841]

1950 Ed.
Ch. 5 No. 10.
11 of 1841.
Commence-
ment

1. This Act may be cited as the Habeas Corpus Act. Short title.

2. The Statutes of the United Kingdom mentioned in the Schedule relating to the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall be in force in Trinidad and Tobago and shall have effect as though they were written laws of the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago intended for the purpose of securing the liberty of persons in Trinidad and Tobago, so far as such Statutes are not repugnant to any written law for the time being in force in Trinidad and Tobago. Application of
U.K. Laws to
Trinidad and
Tobago.
Schedule.
[45 of 1979].

3. All the powers, jurisdiction and authority which, under and by virtue of the said Acts, may be exercised by the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal in England, or by any of the Courts there, or by any of the Judges thereof, for or in respect of the said Writ and the granting thereof, and other proceedings thereon, shall and lawfully may in like manner be had and exercised within Trinidad and Tobago by the High Court or any Judge thereof, and every Writ so to be issued as mentioned above, and bearing the signature of the Judge or Judges by whom the same shall be awarded, shall be of equal Jurisdiction
vested in High
Court.

force and effect as though the same had been issued under seal, in manner and form as by the said Statutes, or either of them, is provided; and the same shall also be in the form of a citation from the Court or officer awarding the same to the person or persons to whom the same shall be directed, commanding him or them, at a day and place therein to be named, to bring up before such Judge or Court the person by reason of whose alleged illegal imprisonment or detention any such citation shall have been issued.

Power to award
Writs of
Habeas Corpus.

4. The High Court or any Judge thereof may, if he thinks fit, award a Writ of Habeas Corpus for bringing any prisoner detained in any prison within Trinidad and Tobago before any Court Martial or Court of Justice in Trinidad and Tobago for trial, or to be examined touching any matter depending before the Court; and the like proceedings shall be had upon such Writ of Habeas Corpus so to be awarded as mentioned above as by law may for the time being be had in England upon Writs of Habeas Corpus awarded by the Judges of the High Court of Justice for bringing persons detained in gaol before Magistrates or Courts of Record for the purpose as mentioned above, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

General
jurisdiction.

5. All the powers, jurisdiction and authority which may be exercised by the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal in England, or by any of the Courts of Justice in England, or by any of the Judges thereof, under and by virtue of the Common Law or under or by virtue of any Statute or Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom, for or in respect of any Writ of Habeas Corpus, and the granting thereof and other proceedings thereon, shall and lawfully may be had and exercised within Trinidad and Tobago by the High Court or any Judge of such Court in vacation.

SCHEDULE

Section 2
12 of 1833
[45 of 1979].

- (a) The Habeas Corpus Act 1679 (31 Charles II., C.2)
- (b) The Habeas Corpus Act 1816 (56 George III., C.100)