



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 4—1957

*Amend. No 21-1960*

[L.S.]

I ASSENT,

E. B. BEETHAM

*Governor.*

20th April, 1957.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Jury Ordinance,  
Ch. 4. No. 2.

**[On Proclamation]** No. 16/1957: G.N. 114/57

Commence-  
ment.

1.8.57

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

Enactment.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Jury (Amendment)  
Ordinance, 1957, and shall be read as one with the Jury Ordinance,  
hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Short title and  
commencement  
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(2) This Ordinance shall come into operation on such day  
as the Governor by proclamation published in the *Royal Gazette*  
shall appoint.

Section 12(2)  
of Principal  
Ordinance  
repealed and  
replaced.  
Ord. No. 23.  
—1954.

2. Subsection (2) of section 12 of the Principal Ordinance, as enacted by the Jury (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954, is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:—

“(2) In the case of Criminal Sessions, the precept to the Marshal shall be—

In Port-of-Spain, for not less than seventy-two jurors; and when more than two separate Courts are to be held, for not less than one hundred and eight jurors;

In San Fernando, when one Court is to be held, for not less than thirty jurors; and when more than one separate Court is to be held, for not less than sixty jurors;

In Tobago, for not less than twenty jurors.”

*Amended by  
No 27-1960  
sec. 9*

Section 15(1)  
of Principal  
Ordinance  
amended.

3. Subsection (1) of section 15 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by substituting for all the words from the beginning thereof to the words “San Fernando” occurring in line six the following:—

“No person residing within the Counties of Victoria, St. Patrick, Nariva and Mayaro or within the Wards of Couva and Montserrat in the County of Caroni shall be summoned to serve on a common jury in Port-of-Spain, and no one except persons residing in the Counties of Victoria, St. Patrick, Nariva and Mayaro or in the Wards of Couva and Montserrat in the County of Caroni shall be summoned to serve on a common jury in San Fernando”.

Section 17(1)  
of Principal  
Ordinance  
amended.

4. Subsection (1) of section 17 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by substituting for the provisos thereto the following:—

“Provided that where at any Criminal Sessions more than one separate Court is being held, the following provisions shall have effect—

(a) it shall be lawful for the Registrar, subject to the direction of the Chief Justice or of a Judge, to divide the panel of jurors returned by the Marshal for such Criminal Sessions into such number of equal parts as shall correspond with the number of separate Courts which are being held;

(b) such division of the panel shall be made before the sitting of the Court and shall be carried out in the following manner—

(i) if two separate Courts are being held, the Registrar shall draw, in the presence of a Judge, from a

box containing the names of all the jurors appearing on the panel, one by one, half of the names in the said box, and such half so drawn shall constitute the panel for the First Court, and the names remaining in the said box shall constitute the panel for the Second Court;

- (ii) if three separate Courts are being held, the Registrar shall draw, in the presence of a Judge, from a box containing the names of all the jurors appearing on the panel, one by one, one-third of the names in the said box, and such one-third so drawn shall constitute the panel for the First Court; and the Registrar shall thereupon in like manner proceed to draw from the said box, and such further one-third shall constitute the panel for the Second Court; and the names remaining in the said box shall constitute the panel for the Third Court;

and so on:

Provided also that at any time during any Criminal Sessions, one or more of the jurors on the panel in any Court may by order of the Chief Justice or of the Judge of such Court be transferred to serve in the other Court or in one of the other Courts, as the case may be, and his or their names shall be placed on the panel of jurors for the Court to serve in which he is, or they are, so transferred."

5. The Jury (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of  
Ordinance  
No. 23-1954

Passed in Council this twenty-second day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

G. E. L. LAFOREST  
*Clerk of the Council.*