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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 10 of 2025

[L.S.]

An Act to amend the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011 (Act No. 20 of 2011) and to make consequential amendments to the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60 and for other related matters

[Assented to 12th December, 2025]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Administration of Short title and commencement Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) This Act comes into operation on such date as is fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “the Act” means the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011.

Section 10 amended

3. Section 10 of the Act is amended—

(a) by repealing subsection (1A) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1A) Subject to subsection (1B), for the purpose of this Act, a Magistrate, a Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court or a Justice of the Peace shall not have nor exercise jurisdiction in relation to any matter—

(a) referred to in subsection (1);
or

(b) for which a Master is given jurisdiction under this Act.”;

(b) by inserting after subsection (1A), the following subsections:

“(1B) For the purpose of this Act—

(a) a Magistrate, a Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court or a Justice of the Peace shall, subject to subsections (1C) and (2), have and exercise concurrent jurisdiction with Masters to issue search warrants; and

(b) except where an accused is required to show sufficient cause or exceptional circumstances under section 5(2), (3) or (4) of the Bail Act, a Justice of the Peace shall,

subject to subsection (3), have and exercise concurrent jurisdiction with Masters to grant bail in accordance with section 5(2) of that Act, to fix the amount thereof and take recognisances.

(1C) A Justice of the Peace shall not—

- (a) issue a search warrant in respect of more than one set of premises at a time; or
- (b) exercise jurisdiction under section 5(1B).";

(c) in subsection (2), by—

- (i) inserting after the words “the Registrar”, the words “, a Magistrate, a Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court or a Justice of the Peace”; and
- (ii) deleting the words “Court from which it was issued,” and substituting the words “High Court”; and

(d) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) Where—

- (a) the Registrar grants an accused bail or remands him in custody, he shall cause the accused to appear or be brought before a Master and shall transmit the record of the proceedings and all relevant evidence to the Master; or

(b) a Justice of the Peace grants an accused bail, he shall cause the accused to appear or be brought before a Master.”.

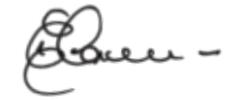
Schedule 1
Form 1 amended

4. Schedule 1 of the Act is amended, in Form 1, by inserting after the words “(name of Master/Magistrate”, the words “/Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court/Justice of the Peace”.

Consequential
amendment
Chap. 4:60
Act No. 20 of 2011

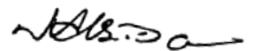
5. The Bail Act is amended in section 5(2), by inserting after the words “Subject to”, the words, “section 10 of the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011 and”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 10th day of October, 2025.



B. Queen -
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 14th day of November, 2025.



N. H. S. -
Clerk of the Senate

Senate amendments were agreed to by the House of Representatives this 21st day of November, 2025.



B. Queen -
Clerk of the House