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BILL

AN ACT to amend the Law Revision Act, Chap. 3:03

THE LAW REVISION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

This Bill seeks to enable the Law Revision Commission to publish official electronic versions of the Revised editions of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago. The Bill seeks to ensure that the Laws downloaded or printed from the designated website be considered authorised copies once they are properly certified and can be used in the Courts.

This Bill contains six clauses.

Clause 1 of the Bill would provide the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2 would provide for the coming into force of the proposed Act on a date fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Clause 3 would provide for the interpretation of the words “the Act” to mean the Law Revision Act.

Clause 4 of the Bill would provide for the definition of the terms “designated website” (to mean a website as specified by Order under new section (5A) as well as the acronym “PDF”).

Clause 5 of the Bill would provide for the insertion of three new sections 5A, 5B and 5C into the Act. New proposed section 5A would provide that the Minister shall by Order designate an official website for the publication of the Laws.

New section 5A(2) would provide that the Minister may by Order approve the electronic format in which the Laws are to be published such as PDF etc. Proposed section 5A(3) would provide that certain conditions need to be met before an electronic copy or printout of an electronic version of the Laws can be deemed to be official. Proposed 5A(4) would provide that the Minister may make regulations with respect to section 5A(3)(c).

New proposed section 5B seeks to provide that where there are discrepancies between printouts and the electronic version of the Laws published under proposed section 5A, the electronic version shall prevail.

New proposed section 5C would provide that where a change or a correction is made to any written law already published on the designated website, the Commission shall publish a Notice of such change or correction.

Clause 6 of the Bill seeks to amend section 15 of the Act to provide that electronic versions of the Laws published under section 5A to now be accepted by the Courts.

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[, 2026]

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

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Law Revision Short title
(Amendment) Act, 2026.
- 2.** This Act shall come into operation on such date as Commencement
is fixed by the President by Proclamation.
- 3.** In this Act, “the Act” means the Law Revision Act. Interpretation

Section 2 amended

4. Section 2 of the Act is amended by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definitions:

“ “designated website” means the website specified in an Order under section 5A(1);

“PDF” means Portable Document Format;”.

Sections 5A, 5B, 5C inserted

5. The Act is amended by inserting after section 5, the following sections:

“Publication
of electronic
versions of
the Laws

5A. (1) The Minister may, by Order, designate a website as the sole official website for the publication of electronic versions of the Laws.

(2) An electronic version of the Laws that is published on the designated website shall be in PDF or such other format as the Minister may, by Order, approve.

(3) An electronic copy or printout of an electronic version of the Laws shall, unless the contrary is proven, be deemed to be official and authoritative if—

(a) it is accessed or downloaded from the designated website;

(b) it is in PDF; and

(c) it meets the prescribed requirements with respect to—

(i) the manner in which the electronic copy or printout is created, recorded, transmitted, stored, authenticated, received, displayed or perceived; and

- (ii) any statement, mark or certification associated with the creation, recording, transmission, storage, authentication, reception, display or perception of the electronic copy or printout.

(4) The Minister may make regulations prescribing any of the matters in subsection (3)(c).

Discrepancies between printouts and electronic versions

5B. On or after the coming into operation of the Law Revision (Amendment) Act, 2026, where there is any inconsistency between the Laws published under section 5 and an electronic version of the Laws published under section 5A, the electronic version of the Laws shall prevail over the Laws published under section 5 to the extent of the inconsistency.

Where change or correction is made

5C. Where a change or correction is made to any written law which is already published on the designated website, the Commission shall publish on the designated website, a notice of the change or correction.”.

6. Section 15 of the Act is amended, by inserting after the word “Laws”, the words “, including the electronic version of the Laws published under section 5A,”. Section 15 amended

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2026.

Clerk of the Senate

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