

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SINCE 1976

| YEAR | ACT | CHANGE | COMMENT |
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| 1976 | 4 | Repealed the 1962 Constitution and establish the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago with a President as Head of State | Republican Constitution |
| 1978 | 15 | Vacation of seat where member, having been a candidate of a party, resigns or is expelled | Introduction of 'crossing of the floor' policy |
| | 16 | By-election where vacancy arises in the Lower House within the first four years of the term | Introduction of by-elections for vacancies in the Lower House but not in 5 th year of term |
| 1979 | 30 | Amendment of s 141(2) to require Salaries Review Commission reports to be laid in both Houses. | SRC reports to be laid in Parliament |
| 1981 | 8 | Amended s 121 re Public Service Commission; repealed by Act 8 of 1988 | Powers of Public Service Commission on appointments and PM veto clarified |
| 1982 | 13 | S 121 further amended | Further clarification with changes in the Public Service |
| 1983 | 17 | Includes Tobago House of Assembly office under the Public Service Commission in s 121 | THA offices put under jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission |
| 1987 | 21 | S 127 amended; deleted by Act No 6 of 2006 | Police Service Commission delegation to officers above Superintendent |
| 1988 | 2 | S 104 amended to deal with vacancies in the Judiciary | Filling of vacancies in the Judiciary |
| | 8 | Amendment No 2 Act includes service to the Tobago House of Assembly in the definition of the public service in the Interpretation Section s 3(1) | THA officers included in definition of the public service |
| 1994 | 30 | Includes Regional Health Authorities under the delegation of authority by the Public Service Commission in s 127 | Public Service Commission's powers delegated to RHAs despite RHA employees not being public officers. |
| 1995 | 10 | Delegation of Public Service Commission powers is amended to say to the Boards of the Regional Health Authorities in s 127 (1) | Delegation specified to be to the Boards of the RHAs |
| | 17 | Inserting procedure for removal of the Speaker of the House by resolution of a majority of its members | Procedure for removal of Speaker of the House arising out of Occah Seepaul incident |
| 1996 | 39 | Inserts Chapter 11A – The Tobago | The Tobago House of |

| | | House of Assembly | Assembly included in the Constitution |
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| 1999 | 29 | Introduces Joint Select Committees to inquire into and report on Government Ministries, Municipal Corporations, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises and Service Commissions – s 66A-D | Expansion of the functions of Joint Select Committees for Parliamentary oversight over Ministries, Local Government Bodies, Service Commissions and State Enterprises and Statutory Authorities |
| 2000 | 43 | Introduces automatic guilt of disciplinary breach if public officer is found convicted of any criminal charge – s 129 | Public officers deemed guilty of disciplinary breach without disciplinary procedure and dismissible by Service Commission |
| | 81 | Inclusion of the Tobago House of Assembly, Municipal Corporations, statutory boards and state enterprises and others under the jurisdiction of the Integrity Commission – s 138 | Expansion of jurisdiction of the Integrity Commission |
| | 82 | Service Commissions disciplinary powers over persons acting in public offices – ss 121(1), 123(1) and 125 | Expansion of disciplinary powers of Service Commissions over Acting public officers |
| | 89 | Includes Senators, Judges and Magistrates under the jurisdiction of the Integrity Commission – s 138 | Expansion of jurisdiction of the Integrity Commission |
| 2006 | 6 | Amendments to the Police Service Commission and its jurisdiction over the Police Service and the appointment of a Police Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner and Powers of the Police Commissioner over the Police Service s 123 | Part of the reform of the management of the Police Service putting the Commissioner in charge of managing the bulk of the Service and introducing final appointment of CoP and DCoPs by decision of the Lower House |
| 2007 | 12 | Police Commissioner's performance to be appraised by the Police Service Commission ss 122 and 123 | Authority of the Police Service Commission over the CoP |