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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 43 of 2000**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and  
Tobago

*[Assented to 25th September, 2000]*

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Short title  
(Amendment) Act, 2000.

Act alters the  
Constitution

**2.** This Act shall be construed as altering the Constitution.

Section 129  
amended

**3.** Section 129 of the Constitution is amended by repealing subsection (3) and inserting after subsection (4) the following new subsections:

Chap. 4:20

“ (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), where an officer is convicted of a criminal charge in any court and the time allotted for an appeal has elapsed or, if the officer has appealed, the appeal process has been completed or an order has been made in the matter under section 71 of the Summary Courts Act, a Service Commission may consider the relevant proceedings on such charge and if it is of the opinion that the officer ought to be dismissed or subjected to some lesser punishment in respect of the conduct which led to his conviction on the criminal charge or to the making of the order, the Commission may thereupon dismiss or otherwise punish the officer without the institution of any disciplinary proceedings.

(6) In furtherance of subsection (5)—

(a) a certificate of conviction issued by the court shall be sufficient evidence of an officer’s conviction for an offence;

(b) a certified copy of an order made under section 71 of the Summary Courts Act shall be sufficient evidence of the commission by the officer of the offence for which he was charged.

(7) An officer referred to in subsection (5) shall be entitled to show cause why he should not be dismissed from office.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 14th day of July, 2000.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT

*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 8th day of August, 2000.

D. DOLLY

*Acting Clerk of the Senate*