

Any attempt to commit any offence specified in this clause, shall be punishable in the manner in which the offence itself is punishable.

In any information or prosecution for an offence in relation to the ballot boxes, ballot papers, and other things in use at an election, the property in such ballot boxes, ballot papers, or things may be stated to be in the returning officer at such election.

XLII. Every officer, clerk and agent, in attendance at a polling station shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting in such station, and shall not communicate, except for some purpose authorised by law, before the poll is closed, to any person any information as to the name or number on the register of voters of any voter who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at that station, and no person shall interfere with or attempt to interfere with a voter when marking his vote, or otherwise attempt to obtain in the polling station any information as to the candidate for whom any voter in such station is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the back of the ballot paper given to any voter at such station.

Every officer, clerk and agent in attendance at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting and shall not attempt to ascertain at such counting the number on the back of any ballot paper or communicate any information obtained at such counting as to the candidate for whom any vote is given in any particular ballot paper. No person shall, directly or indirectly, induce any voter to display his ballot paper after he has marked it so as to make known to any person the name of the candidate for whom or against whose name he has so marked his vote.

Every person who acts in contravention of the provisions of this clause shall be liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour, or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

XLIII. In the preceding clauses thirty-two to forty-one, words importing the masculine gender shall include females.

XLIII. The Council shall not be disqualified from the transaction of business on account of any vacancies among the Official or Unofficial Members thereof.

XLIV. The Governor, if present, or, in the absence of the Governor, such Member of the Council as the Governor shall from time to time appoint, or in default thereof or in the absence of such Member, the Member present who stands first in order of precedence, shall preside at the Meetings of the Council.

XLV. The Council shall not be competent to act in any case unless eight Members at the least besides the Governor or the Member presiding be present at and throughout the meetings of such Council.

XLVI. All questions proposed for debate in the Council shall be decided by a majority of votes, and the Governor or the Member presiding shall have an original vote in common with the other Members of the Council, and also a casting vote, if upon any question the votes shall be equal.

XLVII. The Governor may, with the advice of the Council, from time to time make, alter, revoke, and renew such Standing Rules and

Orders as may be necessary to ensure punctuality of attendance of the Members of the Council, and to prevent meetings of the Council being holden without convenient notice to the several Members thereof, and to maintain order and method in the despatch of business, and in the conduct of debates in the Council, and to secure due deliberation in the passing of laws, and to provide that before the passing of any law intended to affect the interests of private persons due notice of the same is given to all persons concerned therein.

All such Rules and Orders, not being repugnant to the provisions of this Order, or of any other Order of His Majesty in Council or any Letters Patent for the time being in force in the Colony, or to any Instructions which the Governor may from time to time receive from His Majesty under His Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet, shall at all times be followed and observed, and shall be binding upon the Council, unless the same or any of them shall be disallowed by His Majesty.

And until any such Rules and Orders shall be made, and subject to any Rules and Orders to be so made, the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council in force at the date of the coming into operation of this Order shall remain in force and apply, so far as the same are applicable thereto, to the Council constituted in accordance with this Order.

XLVIII. Subject to the provisions of this Order the Governor and the Council shall, in the transaction of the business of the Council and the passing of, and assenting to, Bills or Ordinances, conform as nearly as may be to the directions contained in any Instructions under His Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet which may be addressed to the Governor in that behalf; but no Ordinance enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall be invalid by reason that in the enactment thereof any such Instructions were not duly observed.

XLIX. It shall be competent for any Member of the Council to propose any question for debate therein: and such question, if seconded by any other Member, shall be debated and disposed of according to the Standing Rules and Orders. Provided always that every law, vote, resolution, or question the object or effect of which may be to dispose of or charge any part of Our revenue arising within the Colony or to revoke alter or vary any such disposition or charge, shall be proposed by the Governor, unless the proposal of the same shall have been expressly allowed or directed by him.

L. The sessions of the Council shall be held at such times and places as may be prescribed by the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council or as the Governor shall from time to time by Proclamation in the Trinidad Royal Gazette appoint. There shall be at least one session of the Council in every year, and there shall not be an interval of twelve months between the last sitting in one session and the first sitting in the next session. The first session shall be opened within six months after the coming into operation of this Order.

LI. The Governor may at any time, by Proclamation, prorogue or dissolve the Council.

The Governor shall dissolve the Council at the expiration of three years from the date of the publication in the Trinidad Royal Gazette