

**LAW REFORM ACT**

**CHAPTER 3:04**

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4. (1) It shall be the duty of the Commission to keep under review all the law applicable to Trinidad and Tobago with a view to its systematic development and reform, including in particular the modification of any branch of the law as far as that is practicable, the elimination of anomalies, the repeal of obsolete and unnecessary enactments, the reduction of the number of separate enactments and generally the simplification and modernisation of the law and for that purpose—

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- (a) to receive and consider suggestions for the reform of the law which may be forwarded to it (either on the invitation of the Commission or otherwise) by Judges, public officials, lawyers and members of the public generally;
- (b) to receive and consider proposals for changes in the law referred to it by the Minister or recommended by any Law Reform Committee, Association of Lawyers or other learned bodies;
- (c) to prepare and submit to the Minister from time to time specific programmes for the examination of different branches of the law with a view to reform including recommendations as to whether such examination should be carried out by the Commission or some other body;
- (d) to undertake, in pursuance of any recommendation of the Minister, the formulation of draft Bills relating to the proposals for reform contained in such recommendation;
- (e) to undertake, pursuant to any recommendations approved by the Minister, the examination of particular branches of the law and the formulation, by means of draft Bills or otherwise, of proposals for reform therein;
- (f) to provide at the instance of the Minister advice and information to Ministries and Departments of Government and Statutory Authorities concerned with proposals for the amendment or reform of any branch of the law;

(g) to obtain such information in regard to the laws and legal systems of other countries as in the opinion of the Commission is likely to facilitate the performance of any of its functions.

(2) In addition to his functions under subsection (1), the Chairman of the Law Reform Commission or a member of that Commission nominated by him shall, if the President so determines, act as a member of the Law Revision Commission for the purposes of the Law Revision Act.

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**5.** (1) In performing any of its functions under section 4(1) the Commission may from time to time—

- (a) consult any person who has specialised knowledge in any branch of the law or technical expertise in any particular field;
- (b) appoint committees to provide advice and information and to consider and report on any matter referred to them.

(2) In appointing persons as members of a committee under subsection (1)(b), the Commission shall not restrict consideration to members of the legal profession.

(3) The Minister may authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to persons appointed or consulted under this section.

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**6.** The Chairman shall prepare at the beginning of each year a programme for Law Reform for that year and submit it to the Minister no later than January 31 of that year.

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**7.** The Commission shall submit an annual Report of its activities to the Minister who shall cause the report to be laid in Parliament.