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AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE AUTHENTICATION OF BILLS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Acts (Authentication) Act.

Authentication of bills.

2. All bills passed by the National Assembly shall be authenticated by the signature of the person who presides at the sitting of the National Assembly when such bills are passed:

Provided that if the person so presiding is, through illness, absence from the Federation or otherwise, unable to authenticate any such bill, it shall be lawful for such bill to be authenticated by the signature of the Governor-General.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

Recording of Assent.

3. When the Governor-General assents to any bill passed by the National Assembly, his or her assent shall be recorded in the usual form on an authenticated manuscript or printed copy, or on an authenticated copy partly in print and partly in manuscript.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

Acts to be printed.

4. Every Act which shall be passed by the National Assembly, shall, immediately after it is passed, be printed in fair and legible type and three impressions or copies of the same shall be struck off for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

Clerk to verify printed copies.

5. The said printed impressions or copies shall be carefully compared, by the clerk of the National Assembly, with the original bill passed by the National Assembly, and, after the same shall have been verified by him to be exact counterparts, shall be certified, by such clerk, under his hand, so to be and such certified counterparts shall each be held to be the original Act, and may be referred to, and shall be received in evidence, without further proof.

Distribution of printed Acts.

6. The Clerk to the National Assembly may, at the close of each session, cause to be printed as many copies of each Act passed by the National Assembly as he or she may consider necessary and may cause the same to be delivered to the members thereof and to such public departments and officers as he or she may direct.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

Printed Acts admissible in evidence.

7. Such copies and counterparts shall, when certified by the Governor-General, be received in evidence in any Court of law or equity within the Federation.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

Acts to be published in *Gazette*.

8. The Clerk to the National Assembly shall cause all Acts passed by the National Assembly to be published in the *Gazette*.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

Binding and distribution of Acts.

9. At the close of each year, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to the National Assembly to cause volumes to be well and substantially bound, containing true copies of every Act passed in such year by the National Assembly and to cause one such volume, certified by him or her to contain correct copies of the Acts, to be forthwith forwarded to each Circuit within the Federation and lodged in the Registrar's Office of each Circuit to be recorded and enrolled therein and he or she shall also furnish one such volume to the Judge of the High Court for the Saint Christopher and Nevis Circuits and to the Attorney-General to be kept in the Court of such Judge, and for the use of the Attorney-General for the time being, respectively, and he or she shall also furnish a copy to the Clerk of the National Assembly and he or she shall also cause a sufficient number of such volumes to be bound to provide for the sale thereof, at a reasonable price, to members of the public.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)
