



ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

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STATUTES ACT

AN ACT RESPECTING THE STATUTES OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Statutes Act.

Style of Statutes.

2. This Act and all statutes enacted by the Legislature of Saint Christopher and Nevis and passed after the commencement of this Act shall be styled "Acts".

Words of enactment and other clauses.

3. (1) In every Bill presented to the Governor-General for assent, the words of enactment shall be as follows:

"BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis, and by the authority of the same as follows:".

(2) The words of enactment shall follow the preamble, if any, and the various clauses within the purview or body of the statute shall be consecutively numbered in a concise and enunciative form, and to every such clause there shall be annexed a head note containing a short summary of the contents of the clause.

(3) The statutes of each year shall be distinguished by consecutive numbers, commencing in each year with the number one.

(4) As far as practicable, matters having no proper relation to each other shall not be provided for by the same statute and no statute shall contain anything foreign to what the title of the statute imports, and no provision having indefinite duration shall be included in any statute expressed to have limited duration.

(Amended by Acts 12 of 1983 and 36 of 2009)

Date of passing etc. of Statutes.

4. (1) The date of the passing of every statute shall be the date on which the Bill for that statute receives the assent of the Governor-General.

(2) The Clerk of the National Assembly shall inscribe on every statute, immediately after the long title thereof, the day, month and year when the statute received the assent of the Governor-General, and such inscription shall be taken to be part of the statute.

(Amended by Act 12 of 1983)

Operation of statutes.

5. Where a statute provides that it is to come into force or operation on a day or date to be fixed by the Governor-General by Proclamation, or that it is not to come into force or operation until a day or date to be so fixed, any such Proclamation—

- (a) may apply to the whole or any part or parts or portion or portions or section or sections of the statute; and
- (b) may be issued at different times as to any part or parts or portion or portions or section or sections of the statute.

(Amended by Act 12 of 1983)

Printing and distribution.

6. (1) The statutes shall be printed, published and distributed by the Government Printer.

(2) The Clerk of the National Assembly shall furnish the Government Printer with a certified copy of every statute of the Legislature as soon as it has received the assent of the Governor-General.

(3) Every copy of a statute printed by the Government Printer is evidence of that statute and its contents, and every copy purporting to be printed by the Government Printer shall be deemed to have been so printed, unless the contrary is shown.

(4) As soon as practicable after the commencement of each year, the Clerk of the National Assembly shall cause a complete collection of all the statutes enacted in Saint Christopher and Nevis during the preceding year to be bound and published for general information.

(Amended by Act 12 of 1983)

Recording of statutes and certification.

7. (1) This Act and all statutes passed after the commencement of this Act shall be of record in the custody of the Clerk of the National Assembly.

(2) Where the Clerk of the National Assembly is required to certify a copy of a statute for any purpose he or she shall insert at the foot of each copy required to be certified a written certificate duly signed and authenticated by him or her to the effect that such copy is a true copy.

(3) Copies of statutes certified under subsection (2) of this section by the Clerk of the National Assembly shall be held to be duplicate originals and also to be evidence of the statutes and of their contents as if printed by authority of law.

(Amended by Act 12 of 1983)
