

JAMAICA

No. 9 – 2018

I assent,



R. L. Allen

Governor-General.

5th day of April 2018

AN ACT to provide for Courts of Petty Sessions to be re-named Lay Magistrates' Courts, to amend the Judicature (Parish Courts) Act accordingly, and to provide for connected matters.

[6th day of April 2018]

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Re-naming of the Courts of Petty Sessions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2018. Short title.

2. Courts of Petty Sessions are hereby re-named "Lay Magistrates' Courts". Re-naming of Courts of Petty Sessions.

*The Re-naming of the Courts of Petty Sessions
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2018*

Amendments
to enact-
ments and
construction
thereof.

3. For the purposes of section 2—

- (a) references to “Courts of Petty Sessions” appearing in any enactment shall be substituted with references to “Lay Magistrates’ Courts”, and the necessary like modifications shall be made to those enactments, in respect of any cognate expressions referring to Courts of Petty Sessions, to reflect the re-naming; and
- (b) in particular, the provisions of the *Judicature (Parish Courts) Act* specified in Column 1 of the Schedule are amended in the manner specified in relation thereto in Column 2 of the Schedule, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with that Act.

SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
<u>Provisions</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
Section 8	Delete the words “Court of Petty Sessions” and substitute therefor the words “Lay Magistrates’ Court”.
Section 16	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Delete the words “at Petty Sessions” and substitute therefor the words “at Lay Magistrates’ Court”.2. Delete the words “all Courts of Petty Sessions” and substitute therefor the words “all Lay Magistrates’ Courts”.3. Delete the words “out of Sessions” and substitute therefor the words “outside of Lay Magistrates’ Courts”.4. Delete the words “a Special or Petty Session of Justices, or of a Stipendiary Judge” and substitute therefor the words “at a Lay Magistrates’ Court or of a Lay Magistrate”.
Section 27	Delete the words “Court of Petty Sessions” and substitute therefor the words “Lay Magistrates’ Court”.
Section 37	Delete the words “Petty Sessions” and substitute therefor the words “Lay Magistrates’ Court”.
Section 41	Delete the words “Court of Petty Sessions” and substitute therefor the words “Lay Magistrates’ Court”.
Section 63	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Delete the words “all Courts of Petty Sessions” and substitute therefor the words “all Lay Magistrates’ Courts”.2. Delete the words—<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) “any Court of Petty Sessions”; and(b) “a Court of Petty Sessions”,and substitute therefor in each case the words “a Lay Magistrates’ Court”.

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(Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2018*

<u>Provisions</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
Section 66	Delete the words "Petty Sessions" and substitute therefor the words "Lay Magistrates' Courts".
Section 285	Delete the words "Court of Petty Sessions" and substitute therefor the words "Lay Magistrates' Court".
Section 293	Delete the words "Justices in Petty Sessions" and substitute therefor the words "a Lay Magistrates' Court".

Passed in the House of Representatives this 30th day of January, 2017.

PEARNEL CHARLES, CD, MP, JP
Speaker.

Passed in the Senate this 23rd day of February, 2018.

THOMAS TAVARES-FINSON, CD, QC, JP
President.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.

Sgd. Heather E. Cooke
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.