



Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

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**Attention All Editors**

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**EBC reassures public on its pilot project for improved processes**

The Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) wishes to inform the electorate and the public that there will be no electronic voting in the upcoming Tobago House of Assembly Election. The voting process and procedures being utilized in all polling stations in Tobago on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 continues to be the same as in previous elections.

In its thrust to improve its election management processes and timely provision of information to its stakeholders, the Commission will be implementing a pilot project in two electoral districts with respect to one of its processes. This pilot project will see an increased use of technology in its data collection and this will be conducted parallel to the traditional manual process for this data collection in those two electoral districts.

This project will, in no way, replace the manual system that will be carried out in all polling stations on Election Day and will simply see the use of data entry clerks electronically identifying the voters present and those who have voted. The process for voting in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago remains as stipulated in the People Act, Chapter 2:01.

The EBC expects that the data collected in this project will give the Commission the ability to generate its After-Election reports more expeditiously and will in no way change the voting process and the sanctity and the safety that our electorate has known to exist in our country.

As an independent and transparent institution, the Commission saw it necessary to inform its stakeholders in the electoral process in Tobago, of its intentions as it seeks to improve its delivery of service in the democratic process. The Commission recognizes that the use of technology can assist in improving many of its internal processes and it is hoped that should this project be successful that greater Information and Communication Technology could be used at all polling stations across both Trinidad and Tobago in future elections.





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The EBC is introducing this pilot project in the thirteen (13) polling stations in the electoral districts of Scarborough/Mt. Grace and Mt. St. George/Goodwood.

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