

CHAPTER 54

THE BIRTHS ENTRIES (ST. JOHN'S) VALIDATION AND EVIDENCE ADMISSIBILITY ACT

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BIRTHS ENTRIES (ST JOHN'S) VALIDATION AND EVIDENCE ADMISSIBILITY

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WHEREAS by section 29 of the Births and Deaths (Registration) Act, it is provided *inter alia*, that every person by whom the information contained in any Register of Births under that Act shall have been given shall sign his name, description and place of abode in the Register, or shall make his mark thereto, and that no Register of Births according to that Act shall be given in evidence which shall not be so signed by some person professing to be the informant: Cap. 53.

AND WHEREAS by section 30 of the said Act it is further provided that it shall be lawful for an illiterate informant to exhibit in the presence of the Registrar a cross, or other mark, and that such cross or other mark, shall be in all respects as binding and effectual as the signature of such person if capable of writing would have been:

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AND WHEREAS for some years past it has been the practice for an illiterate informant of a birth to exhibit his cross, or mark, to the Clerk to the Assistant Registrar of the Parish of St. John, and not to the Assistant Registrar:

AND WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the validity of entries made in the Birth Register for the Parish of St. John by the said Clerk upon the aforesaid exhibition to him, and subsequently authenticated by such Assistant Registrar, and as to the admissibility of such entries in evidence:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to validate the said entries and to declare such entries receivable in evidence.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Births Entries (St John's) Validation and Evidence Admissibility Act.

Validation of entries in Birth Register and admissibility in evidence.

2. All entries of births made prior to the coming into operation of this Act in the Birth Register for the Parish of St. John by the Clerk to the Assistant Registrar of the said Parish, and authenticated by such Assistant Registrar, from information supplied by an illiterate informant who made his mark thereto in the said Register in the presence of such Clerk, and all acts, matters and things done or purporting to have been done by virtue or upon the faith of the said entries shall be, and shall be deemed to have been at all times, legal, valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and shall be receivable in evidence in any proceeding in any Court of Justice notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Births and Deaths (Registration) Act.

Cap. 53.
