

JAMAICA

No. 06 – 2023

I assent,

[L.S.]

Sgd. P. L. Allen

*Governor-General.*

31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023

AN ACT to Amend the Electronic Transactions Act, and to provide for connected matters.

[31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023]

BE IT ENACTED by The King'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 Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Act, 2023, and shall be read and construed as one with the Electronic Transactions Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Short title  
and  
construction.

Amendment  
of section 6  
of principal  
Act.

**2.** Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by renumbering the section as section 6(1) and inserting the following as subsection (2) of the section—

“ (2) Subject to rules of court and the provisions of the First Schedule, nothing in this Act or any other law shall be construed as precluding a court from giving, receiving, or keeping any document, record or other information, in electronic form.”.

Amendment  
of First  
Schedule of  
principal Act.

**3.** The First Schedule of the principal Act is amended by deleting item 4 and inserting the following as items 4 and 5—

“ 4. Court proceedings or procedures, except— Whole Act.

(a) as expressly otherwise provided by—

(i) the Civil Procedure Rules, 2002, or by any other rules of court made pursuant to any law; or

(ii) any other law; and

(b) the matters referred to in item 5, subject to the exclusions specified in that item.

5. Any warrant issued by a court, any other document issued by a court, and any records or other information kept by a court. Sections 7(1)(c), 8(1)(d) and 10(1)(d).”.

Amendment  
of the  
Justices of  
the Peace  
Jurisdiction  
Act.

**4.** The Justices of the Peace Jurisdiction Act is amended in section 4 by deleting the words “under the hand or hands of the Justice or Justices issuing the same” and substituting therefor the words “in writing”.

Passed in the Honourable House of Representatives this 28th day of March, 2023.

JULIET HOLNESS  
*Deputy Speaker.*

Passed in the Senate this 31st day of March, 2023.

THOMAS TAVARES-FINSON, OJ, CD, KC, 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. Valnè A. Curtis*  
*Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.*

