

#### No.33 of 2000

# AN ACT TO AMEND THE EVIDENCE (PROCEEDINGS

# IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS) ACT, 2000

[Date of Assent - 17th August, 2000]

### **Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas**

Short title.

No. I4 of 2000.

1. This Act which amends the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act may be cited as the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) (Amendment) Act, 2000.

#### Amendment

of section 4

of the principal Act.

2. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of paragraph (b) and the substitution therefor of the following -

"(b) that the evidence to which the application relates is to be obtained for the purposes of civil proceedings which either have been instituted before the requesting court or whose institution before that court is contemplated and for which investigations have commenced."

Amendment

3. Subsection (5) of section 5 of the principal Act

of section 5.

is repealed.

of the principal Act.

Amendment

4. Subsection (2) of section 11 of the principal

Act is repealed and replaced by the following of section 11

of the

Principal

Act.

"(2) Section 179(1) of the Evidence Act, 1996 is repealed and replaced by the

following —

"Evidence 179(1) The testi-

for use in mony of any witness and foreign the production of any criminal document may be

proceedobtained at the request of

ings. any foreign court or

> tribunal in relation to any criminal matter which is either pending in a court or tribunal in a foreign state or for which

investigations have com-

menced in that foreign state in like manner as it

may be obtained for any

any civil matter under the Evidence (Proceedings in

Other Jurisdictions) Act,

such request in relation to

2000, and all the provisions of that Act shall be construed

as if the term "civil matter" included a criminal matter, and the term "cause" included

a proceeding against a criminal:

No. 14 of

2000.

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply in the case of any criminal matter of a political character.".