

**Trade Unions Act
(CHAPTER 333)**

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Trade Unions Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“delegate” means —

- (a) in relation to a trade union which is not a federation, a person who is elected or appointed in accordance with the rules of the trade union to attend and vote at a meeting of the trade union on behalf of any