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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE EVIDENCE (PROCEEDINGS
IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS) ACT, 2000**

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Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

Short title.
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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
of section 5.
of the principal Act.

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 Subsection (5) of section 5 of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment
of section 11
of the
Principal
Act.

4. Subsection (2) of section 11 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following —

“(2) Section 179(1) of the Evidence Act, 1996 is repealed and replaced by the following —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
proceed- obtained 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
such request in relation to
any civil matter under the
Evidence (Proceedings in
Other Jurisdictions) Act,
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:

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