

### Legislation

The St. Mary Parish Council, like all other Parish Councils, is governed and guided by the **PARISH COUNCILS ACT** (August 7, 1901) and the Parochial Rates and Finance Act of 1981, which speaks to the establishment, elections, committees of the Council and financial management.

These Acts give the Council the legal powers to enforce a number of laws, to manage and regulate the ways communities are shaped and maintained through its services.

The Council, therefore, acts as an integrator, coordinator, regulator and facilitator.

Another major act that guides the operation of the St. Mary Parish Council is the town and Country Planning Act.