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# Singapore Parliament Elections (Amendment) Bill

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**Bill No. 28/1967.**

*Read the first time on 31st October 1967.*

A BILL

*i n t i t u l e d*

An Act to amend the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance  
(Chapter 53 of the Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the  
Parliament of Singapore, as follows:—

### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Parliament Elections (Amendment) Act, 1967.

### Amendment of section 5

5 2. Section 5 of the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Ordinance”) is hereby amended —

- 10 (a) by inserting immediately after the word “person” appearing in the third line of subsection (2) thereof the words “who is a citizen of Singapore and”;
- (b) by deleting the expression “Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1955” appearing in the sixth line of subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “National Registration Act, 1965”;
- 15 (c) by deleting the marginal reference “Ord. 32 of 1955” and substituting therefor “Act 11 of 1965”;
- (d) by deleting the words “on the counterfoil of such identity card” appearing in the third and fourth lines of paragraph (b) of subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the words “in the register maintained by the Commissioner of National Registration”; and
- 20 (e) by deleting the words “on the counterfoil of such identity card” appearing in the second and third lines of paragraph (c) of subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the words “in the register maintained by the Commissioner of National Registration”.
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### Amendment of section 10

3. Section 10 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- 30 (a) by deleting the figures “1958” appearing in the second line of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the figures “1967”;

- (b) by deleting the expression “Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1955” appearing in the fourth and fifth lines of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “National Registration Act, 1965”;
- (c) by deleting the marginal reference “Ord. 32 of 1955” and substituting therefor “Act 11 of 1965”; 5
- (d) by deleting the expression “February, 1958” appearing in the eighth line of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “July, 1967”;
- (e) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection:— 10
- “(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, or any other written law, the Registration Officer shall for the purpose of preparing the first registers of electors for 1967 enter in such registers the names of all entitled persons who are citizens of Singapore and to whom identity cards have been issued or deemed to have been issued pursuant to the provisions of the National Registration Act, 1965, and the regulations made thereunder.”; and 15 20
- (f) by renumbering the existing subsections (2) and (3) thereof as subsections (3) and (4) respectively.

### **Amendment of section 11**

4. Section 11 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the expression “(3)” appearing in the last line of subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “(4)”. 25

### **Amendment of section 13**

5. Subsection (3) of section 13 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the words “been deprived of citizenship” appearing in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the words “ceased to be a citizen of Singapore”. 30

### **Amendment of section 15**

6. Section 15 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting the figures “1958” appearing in the second line of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the figures “1967”; and

(b) by deleting the expression “15th day of September or such later date in” appearing in the third and fourth lines of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “31st day of December in that year or such later date following”.

### **Amendment of section 18**

7. Subsection (3) of section 18 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the words “been deprived of citizenship” appearing in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the words “ceased to be a citizen of Singapore”.

### **Amendment of section 72**

8. Subsection (2) of section 72 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word “Peace” appearing at the end thereof the words “or a Commissioner for Oaths”.

### **New section 78A**

9. The Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 78 thereof the following new section:—

#### **“Prohibition of dissuasion from voting**

**78A.**—(1) No person shall between the day of nomination and polling day (both days being inclusive) at any election, by word, message, writing or in any other manner dissuade or attempt to dissuade any person from giving his vote at the election.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for one year.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code relating to the powers of search of any police officer, if any police officer has reasonable cause to believe that an offence is being committed under the provisions of this section, such police officer, by virtue of his office, shall be empowered to enter and search any premises or place for the purpose of ascertaining whether such an offence is being committed.

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(4) Any police officer may arrest without warrant any person offending in his view against any of the provisions of this section and take him as soon as practicable before a Magistrate's Court to be dealt with according to law.”.

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### **Amendment of Forms in the First Schedule**

**10.** The First Schedule to the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting Form Elections 1, 3, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22A and 22B appearing therein and substituting therefor Form Elections 1, 3, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22A and 22B respectively set out in the Schedule to this Act.

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### **Amendment of Second Schedule**

**11.** The Second Schedule to the Ordinance is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting the expression “(3)” appearing immediately after the expression “*Section 42*” and substituting therefor the expression “(7)”; and

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(b) by deleting the title “FORMS OF DIRECTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF A VOTER IN VOTING WHICH SHALL BE EXHIBITED OUTSIDE EVERY POLLING STATION” appearing therein and substituting therefor the title “DIRECTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VOTERS IN VOTING”.

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THE SCHEDULE  
FORM ELECTIONS 1

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE.

(CHAPTER 53).

(Section 24 (2)).

WRIT OF ELECTION.

By .....  
President of the Republic of Singapore.

*President.*

To: THE RETURNING OFFICER

ELECTORAL DIVISION OF .....

Whereas by subsection (1) of section 24 of the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance, it is provided that for the purposes of every general election of Members of Parliament, and for the purposes of the election of Members to supply vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, the President shall issue writs under the Public Seal of Singapore, addressed to the Returning Officer:

\*And Whereas I think it expedient that writs should be issued for the election of Members to serve in Parliament:

†And Whereas the seat of the Elected Member for the Electoral Division of  
has become vacant in consequence of :

Now, therefore, I,  
President as aforesaid, do hereby require that, notice of the time and place fixed for the nomination of candidates having been first duly given as required by law, you do on the                    day of                    at  
cause election to be made according to law of a Member to serve in the Parliament of Singapore for the said Electoral Division and that, if necessary, you do cause a poll to be taken on the date required to be notified under the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 34 of the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance.

Given under my hand and the seal  
of the Republic of Singapore this  
..... day of ....., 19.....

By Command,

*Secretary to the Cabinet.*



\*To be included in a writ for a general election.

†To be included in a writ for a bye-election.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

## FORM ELECTIONS 3

SERIAL No. ....

## THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE.

(CHAPTER 53).  
(Section 11 (2)).FORM OF CLAIM BY PERSON WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN  
OMITTED OR EXPUNGED FROM THE REGISTER.

ELECTORAL DIVISION OF .....

I/C No.	Turn over your I/C—enter official ref. here ↓
Enter one figure in one box	

TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

I, ....., being the holder of  
(Give name, Christian or other names in full; surname first)  
Citizen Identity Card No. .... issued on ..... who possess  
(date)  
the residential qualification at .....  
(state exact address of residence in the electoral division)  
..... in the above-named electoral division,

For official use only	House No.		Alpha	Pattern	Polling District	Street	Coded by	Checked by
	Main	Sub						

Sex ....., Date of birth ....., hereby declare that  
my name has been omitted/expunged from the register of electors/omitted from  
List B/included in List A for the above-named electoral division and I hereby claim  
to have my name inserted/retained in the aforesaid register on the following grounds  
(state grounds of claim):

2. My address for notice is .....

Dated this ..... day of ....., 19.....

.....  
(Signature or thumb mark of claimant)Signed or marked by the above-named claimant in my presence this .....  
day of ....., 19..... at ..........  
(Signature of Witness).....  
(Address of Witness)

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*  
 FORM ELECTIONS 9

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE,  
 (CHAPTER 53).  
 (Section 27 (2)).

NOMINATION PAPER.

We, the undersigned, electors for the electoral division of .....  
 do hereby nominate the following person as a proper person to serve as a Member of  
 Parliament for the said electoral division of ..... and  
 we certify that to the best of our belief he is qualified for election as a Member of  
 Parliament.

Name of Nominee .....	Number on Register of Electors, and Distinguishing Letter or Letters of Polling District
Address of Nominee ..... <i>(Surname or Principal Name and other names in full)</i>	
Occupation of Nominee ..... <i>(Present address of nominee)</i>	

Name	Signature
Proposer .....	.....
Secunder .....	.....
We, the undersigned, electors of the electoral division of ..... hereby assent to the foregoing nomination.	
1. ....	.....
2. ....	.....
3. ....	.....
4. ....	.....
5. ....	.....
6. ....	.....
7. ....	.....
8. ....	.....

I, ....., nominated in the foregoing  
 nomination paper hereby consent to such nomination as candidate for election as  
 a Member of Parliament for the electoral division of .....  
 and name as my address for serving of process and papers under the Singapore  
 Parliament Elections Ordinance:—

Address .....

Witness my hand this ..... day of ....., 19.....

Signed by the said nominee .....

in the presence of:—

.....  
*Signature of Witness.*

.....  
*Signature of Candidate.*



THE SCHEDULE — *continued*  
FORM ELECTIONS 16

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE.

(CHAPTER 53).

(Section 46).

OATH OF IDENTITY.

I swear that I am the same person whose name appears as .....  
No. .... in the register of electors for the electoral division of.....

.....  
(Signature or thumb mark).

Before me this ..... day of ....., 19.....

.....  
(Presiding Officer).

FORM ELECTIONS 18

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE.

(CHAPTER 53).

(Section 54 (1)).

FORM OF OATH OF SECRECY.

I swear that I will not at this election for the .....  
electoral division do anything forbidden by section 54 of the Singapore Parliament  
Elections Ordinance, which has been read to me.

.....  
Signature of person taking the oath.

Before me this ..... day of ....., 19.....

.....  
Signature.

*Note:*—Section 54 must be read to the declarant by the person taking the  
declaration.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

54.—(1) Every officer, clerk, interpreter, candidate and agent authorized to attend at a polling station, or at the counting of the votes, shall, before so attending, make an oath of secrecy, substantially in the Form 18 in the First Schedule to this Ordinance.

(2) The Returning Officer shall have power to administer any oaths required to be taken under the preceding subsection.

(3) Every officer, clerk, interpreter, candidate and agent in attendance at a polling station shall maintain, and aid in maintaining, the secrecy of the voting in such station, and shall not communicate, except for some purpose authorized by law, before the poll is closed, to any person any information as to the name or number on the register of electors of any elector who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at that station, or as to the official mark, but the total number of voters who have voted at any station at any time before the poll is closed may in the discretion of the presiding officer be divulged to the candidate or his agent authorized to attend at the polling station.

(4) No such officer, clerk, interpreter, candidate or agent, and no person whosoever shall attempt to obtain in the polling station information as to the candidate for whom any voter in such station is about to vote or has voted, or communicate at any time to any person any information obtained in a polling station as to the candidate for whom any voter in such station is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the back of the ballot paper given to any voter at such station.

(5) Every officer, clerk, interpreter, candidate and agent in attendance at the counting of the votes shall maintain, and aid in maintaining, the secrecy of the voting, and shall not attempt to ascertain at such counting the number on the back of any ballot paper or communicate any information obtained at such counting as to the candidate for whom any vote is given by any particular ballot paper.

(6) No person, except a presiding officer acting for a purpose authorized by this Ordinance, or a person authorized by the presiding officer and acting for such purpose as aforesaid, shall communicate or attempt to communicate with any voter after such voter has received a ballot paper and before he has placed the same in a ballot box.

(7) Every person who acts in contravention of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.





THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

EXPENDITURE.

2. Personal Expenses paid by the candidate. (The name and description of each person to whom payment was made and the sum paid to each must be shown separately.)	\$	c.	\$	c.
3. The name, and the rate, and total amount of the pay of each person employed as an agent (including the election agent), clerk or messenger.				
4. The travelling expenses and any other expenses incurred by the candidate or his election agent on account of agents (including the election agent), clerks or messengers.				
5. The travelling expenses of persons, whether in receipt of salary or not, incurred in connection with a candidature and whether paid or incurred by the candidate, his election agent, or the person so travelling.				

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

EXPENDITURE.

6. The cost whether paid or incurred of—	\$	c.	\$	c.
(i) Printing.				
(ii) Advertising.				
(iii) Stationery.				
(iv) Postage.				
(v) Telegrams.				
(vi) Rooms hired either for public meetings or as committee rooms.				



THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE.

(CHAPTER 53).

(Section 72 (2)).

STATEMENT ON OATH BY CANDIDATE.

I, ....., being a candidate for election in the ..... electoral division do hereby solemnly affirm (or swear) that the above return of election expenses is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that, except the expenses therein set forth, no expenses of any nature whatsoever have to my knowledge or belief been incurred in, or for the purposes of my candidature.

.....  
*Signature of Candidate.*

Solemnly affirmed (or sworn to) before me this ..... day of ....., 19 ..

.....  
*Justice of the Peace.  
Commissioner for Oaths.*

FORM ELECTIONS 21

FORM ELECTIONS 21.

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE.

(CHAPTER 53).

(Section 72 (2)).

STATEMENT ON OATH BY AN ELECTION AGENT.

I, ....., being appointed election agent for ..... a candidate for election in the ..... electoral division do hereby solemnly affirm (or swear) that the above return of election expenses is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that, except the expenses therein set forth, no expenses of any nature whatsoever have to my knowledge or belief been incurred in or for the purpose of ..... candidature.

.....  
*Signature of Election Agent.*

Solemnly affirmed (or sworn to) before me this ..... day of ....., 19 ..

.....  
*Justice of the Peace.  
Commissioner for Oaths.*

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*  
FORM ELECTIONS 22(A)

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE.  
(CHAPTER 53).  
(Section 80 (2)).

AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT ELECTION ACTIVITY.

I, ....., being a candidate for election in the ..... electoral division do hereby authorise ..... of .....  
(Name in full) (Address)  
to conduct election activities on my behalf.

2. To the best of my knowledge and belief the said ..... is not a person attending a primary or a secondary school as a student or a person against whom an order of supervision has been made under the provisions of paragraph (b) of section 47 of the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance, 1955.

Date .....

.....  
Signature of Candidate.

FORM ELECTIONS 22(B)

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS ORDINANCE.  
(CHAPTER 53).  
(Section 80 (2)).

AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT ELECTION ACTIVITY.

I, ....., being the election agent of ..... (Name of candidate) ..... a candidate for election in the ..... electoral division do hereby authorise ..... of .....  
(Name in full) (Address)  
to conduct election activities on behalf of the aforesaid candidate.

2. To the best of my knowledge and belief the said ..... is not a person attending a primary or a secondary school as a student or a person against whom an order of supervision has been made under the provisions of paragraph (b) of section 47 of the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance, 1955.

Date .....

.....  
Signature of Election Agent.

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## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance (Cap. 53) to provide for the preparation of the first registers of electors from the register maintained by the Commissioner of National Registration and to include in such electoral registers the names of all entitled persons who were on the 1st day of July, 1967, citizens of Singapore and to whom identity cards were issued (clause 3). 5

This Bill provides for the completion of the revision of the registers, in each year following the year 1967, to be completed before the 31st day of December in that year (clause 6). 10

With the repeal of the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1955 (Ord. 32 of 1955), and its substitution by the National Registration Act, 1965 (Act 11 of 1965), the Bill seeks to amend all references in the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance relating to the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1955, to that of the National Registration Act, 1965, and to make certain amendments connected with the identity cards issued under the National Registration Act, 1965 (clauses 2 and 3). 15

A new section to the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance seeks to make it an offence to dissuade or attempt to dissuade electors from voting between nomination day and polling day at any election. At present such dissuasion is an offence only if it takes place on polling day. This section provides the same penalty for the offence as that provided in the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance (at section 78) for canvassing on polling day. Power is given to police officers to enter and search any premises or place in which they believe that the offence is being committed and to arrest without warrant any person committing the offence in their presence (clause 9). 20 25

The opportunity has been taken to make certain other amendments to the Singapore Parliament Elections Ordinance with a view to achieving greater clarity and explicitness in the expressions used in the Ordinance and to enabling the better administration of the provisions in the Ordinance (clauses 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11). 30

## EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.

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