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An Act to establish the National Heritage Board and for matters connected therewith.

[1 August 1993]

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act is the National Heritage Board Act 1993.

Interpretation

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

“Board” means the National Heritage Board established under section 3;

“Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Board and includes any temporary Chairperson of the Board;

“chief executive officer” means the chief executive officer of the Board and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“Deputy Chairperson” means the Deputy Chairperson of the Board and includes any temporary Deputy Chairperson of the Board;

“Fund” means the National Heritage Endowment Fund established under section 35;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“object” includes any work of art and any artefact.

PART 2

ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF BOARD

Establishment of National Heritage Board

3. A body called the National Heritage Board is established, which is a body corporate with perpetual succession and is by that name capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding, developing and disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering all such acts or things as bodies corporate may lawfully do or suffer.

Common seal

4.—(1) The Board must have a common seal which must be kept in such custody as the Board thinks fit.

(2) All deeds and other documents requiring the seal of the Board must be sealed with the common seal of the Board, and every document to which the common seal is affixed must be signed by —

- (a) any 2 members of the Board generally or specially authorised by the Board for the purpose; or
- (b) one member of the Board generally or specially authorised by the Board for the purpose and the chief executive officer.

(3) All courts, judges and persons acting judicially are to take judicial notice of the common seal of the Board affixed to any document and presume that it was duly affixed.

Constitution of Board

5.—(1) The Board consists of —

- (a) a Chairperson;
- (b) a Deputy Chairperson; and

(c) not less than 10 and not more than 25 other members as the Minister may determine.

(2) The Schedule applies with respect to the Board, its members and proceedings.

Functions of Board

6. The functions of the Board are —

- (a) to explore and present the heritage and nationhood of the people of Singapore in the context of their ancestral cultures, their links with South-East Asia, Asia and the world through the collection, preservation, interpretation and display of objects and records;
- (b) to promote public awareness, appreciation and understanding of the arts, culture and heritage, both by means of the Board's collections and by such other means as it considers appropriate;
- (c) to promote the establishment and development of organisations concerned with the national heritage of Singapore;
- (d) to advise the Government in respect of matters relating to the national heritage of Singapore; and
- (e) to perform such other functions as are conferred on the Board by any other written law.

Powers of Board

7.—(1) The Board has power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the powers of the Board include the following:

- (a) to develop and manage museums and other facilities related to its functions;
- (b) to collect, classify, preserve and display objects and records relevant to its functions;

- (c) to advise and facilitate the preservation of historic sites;
- (d) to undertake or sponsor research and investigation relevant to its functions;
- (e) to arrange for the acquisition, production or publication and the sale to the public of books, pamphlets, replicas and other materials related to its functions;
- (f) to undertake or sponsor programs for the training of persons in the professions and skills involved in the operation of museums;
- (g) to establish liaison with other museums, universities and other institutions to secure maximum collaboration of all activities relevant to its functions;
- (h) to arrange for or provide professional and technical services, on any terms and conditions that may be approved by the Board;
- (i) to raise funds by all lawful means and receive gifts and donations, whether on trust or otherwise;
- (j) to extend grants, contributions or loans to any person or organisation connected with the national heritage of Singapore;
- (k) to enter into contracts and establish trusts;
- (l) to enter into joint ventures with any person or organisation, or form or participate in the formation of a company;
- (m) to provide or undertake publicity in any form;
- (n) to charge fees, commissions or rent for any objects, services or facilities provided by the Board.

Appointment of committees and delegation of powers

8.—(1) The Board may appoint any number of committees that it thinks fit consisting of its members or other persons or its members and other persons for purposes which, in the opinion of the Board, would be better regulated and managed by means of those committees.

(2) The Board may, subject to any conditions or restrictions that it thinks fit, delegate to any such committee or to the Chairperson, all or any of the powers and functions vested in the Board by this Act; and any power or function so delegated may be exercised or performed by the committee or Chairperson in the name and on behalf of the Board.

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(3) The Board may, subject to any conditions or restrictions that it thinks fit, delegate to any employee of the Board or to any other person all or any of the powers and functions vested in the Board by this Act; and any power or function so delegated may be exercised or performed by the employee or person in the name and on behalf of the Board.

[5/2018]

9. [Repealed by Act 5 of 2018]

Directions by Minister

10.—(1) The Minister may give to the Board any direction under section 5 of the Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018.

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(2) The Board must give the Minister any information with regard to its property and activities that the Minister may require.

PART 3

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE

Establishment of museums

11.—(1) The Board may establish any museums that it thinks fit.

(2) Every museum established by the Board under subsection (1) is to be known by any name that the Board thinks fit.

(3) All museums established by the Board under subsection (1) and the museum transferred to the Board under section 37 are collectively known as the National Museum of Singapore.

Appointment of directors of museums

12. The Board may appoint a director for any museum established by the Board under section 11 and the museum transferred to it under

section 37 who is responsible to the Board for the general management and control of the museum so established or transferred.

Initial vesting of objects in Board

13.—(1) Where the property in an object was vested in the Government immediately before 1 August 1993, and the object —

(a) then formed part of the collections of the National Museum; or

(b) was then in use in respect of the collections or solely for the purposes of the administration of the National Museum,

then the property is on that date to be vested instead in the Board.

(2) In the case of an object mentioned in subsection (1)(a), it is immaterial that, immediately before 1 August 1993, it was situated elsewhere than at premises managed for the purposes of the National Museum.

(3) On 1 August 1993, any right, power, duty or liability which was immediately before that date exercisable by or incumbent on the Government in relation to any object mentioned in subsection (1) is instead to be exercisable by or incumbent on the Board.

(4) Subsections (1) and (3) do not apply as regards such object excepted from those provisions as the Minister may specify.

Certain gifts vesting on or after 1 August 1993

14.—(1) Subsection (2) applies to a gift (by will or otherwise) —

(a) which is contained in an instrument made or executed before 1 August 1993 but coming into effect on or after that date; and

(b) which would, apart from this Act, have vested an interest in property (of any nature) in the Government for the purposes of the National Museum.

(2) The gift is to, in the absence of any contrary intention expressed in that or another instrument made by the testator or donor, have effect so as to vest the interest in the Board in place of the Government.

Acquisition and disposal of objects

15.—(1) The Board may acquire (whether by purchase, exchange or gift) any object which in its opinion is desirable to add to its collections.

(2) Without affecting any power apart from this subsection, the Minister may transfer to the Board any object (whether or not the Minister acquired it before the Board's establishment) if in the Minister's opinion it would appropriately form part of its collections.

(3) The Board may not dispose of an object of significant national or historical value, the property in which is vested in the Board and which is comprised in its collections, unless the object is —

(a) a duplicate of another object the property in which is so vested and which is so comprised; or

(b) in the Board's opinion unsuitable for retention in its collections,

and the disposal is done with the prior approval of the Minister and by way of sale, exchange or gift.

(4) The Board may dispose of (by whatever means, including destruction) any object which the Board is satisfied has become useless for the purposes of its collections by reason of damage, physical deterioration or infestation by destructive organisms.

(5) An object may be disposed of as mentioned in subsection (4) despite a trust or condition (express or implied) prohibiting or restricting the disposal of the object.

(6) Money accruing to the Board by virtue of a disposal mentioned in this section must be applied by the Board in the acquisition of objects to be added to its collections.

Lending and borrowing of objects

16.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Board may lend any object the property in which is vested in the Board and which is comprised in its collections (whether or not the loan is for the purposes of public exhibition, and whether or not under the terms of the loan the object is to remain in Singapore).

(2) In deciding whether or not to lend an object, and in determining the time for which and the conditions subject to which an object is to be lent, the Board —

- (a) must give special consideration to a request for the loan of an object for public exhibition; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (a), must have regard to the interests of students and other persons visiting the Board's collections, the suitability of the prospective borrower, the purpose of the loan, the physical condition and degree of rarity of the object and any risks to which it is likely to be exposed.

(3) Where the property in an object has become vested in the Board subject to a condition, the power conferred by subsection (1) is exercisable in a manner inconsistent with the condition if either —

- (a) 25 years have elapsed since the date on which the property became vested in the Board; or
- (b) the person who first imposed the condition or his or her personal representatives have consented in writing to the exercise of the power in that manner.

(4) The Board may accept loans of objects for the purpose, subject to the terms of the loan, of exhibiting them, or of study or research by the Board or by persons seeking to inspect them.

PART 4

17. to 27. [*Repealed by Act 25 of 2012*]

PART 5

PROVISIONS RELATING TO STAFF

Chief executive officer

28.—(1) There must be a chief executive officer of the Board, whose appointment, removal, discipline and promotion must be in accordance with the Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018.

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(2) The Board may, subject to the Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018, appoint an individual to act temporarily as the chief executive officer during any period, or during all periods, when the chief executive officer —

- (a) is absent from duty or Singapore; or
- (b) is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

[5/2018]

Appointment of staff

29. The Board may, subject to the Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018, appoint and employ, on such terms and conditions as it may determine, such other officers, employees, consultants and agents as may be necessary for the effective performance of its functions.

[5/2018]

30. [Repealed by Act 5 of 2018]

PART 6

FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF BOARD

Funds and property of Board

31.—(1) The funds and property of the Board include —

- (a) all moneys and property transferred to the Board under section 37;
- (b) all gifts, donations and contributions to the Board;
- (c) all moneys received by the Board by way of grants;
- (d) all fees, commissions, rents, interests, dividends and other income accruing to the Board;
- (e) all moneys borrowed by the Board under this Act; and
- (f) all moneys recovered or collected by the Board or any officer or employee of the Board (excluding sums collected for the composition of offences) under this Act

or any other written law that is administered and enforced by the Board.

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(2) The Board may open and maintain an account or accounts with any bank or banks as the Board thinks fit.

(3) The Board may invest its funds in accordance with the standard investment power of statutory bodies as defined in section 33A of the Interpretation Act 1965.

(4) Subject to the terms of any trust or endowment, the funds and property of the Board must be applied solely for the purposes of or in connection with the performance of the functions, powers and duties of the Board under this Act.

Power to borrow

32.—(1) For the performance of its functions or discharge of its duties under this Act or any other written law, the Board may raise loans from the Government or, with the approval of the Minister, raise loans within or outside Singapore from any source that the Minister may direct by —

- (a) mortgage, overdraft or other means, with or without security;
- (b) charge, whether legal or equitable, on any property vested in the Board or on any other revenue receivable by the Board under this Act or any other written law; or
- (c) the creation and issue of debentures, bonds or any other instrument as the Minister may approve.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the power to raise loans includes the power to make any financial agreement whereby credit facilities are granted to the Board for the purchase of goods, materials or things.

Issue of shares, etc.

32A. As a consequence of the vesting of any property, rights or liabilities of the Government in the Board under this Act, or of any capital injection or other investment by the Government in the Board

in accordance with any written law, the Board must issue such shares or other securities to the Minister for Finance as that Minister may direct.

Grants

33. For the purpose of enabling the Board to carry out its functions under this Act, the Minister may make grants to the Board of any sum of money that the Minister may determine out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.

Income of Board to be exempt from income tax, etc.

34. The Board is deemed to be —

- (a) an institution specified in the First Schedule to, and under section 13(1)(e) of, the Income Tax Act 1947; and
- (b) an institution of a public character approved under the Charities Act 1994.

Establishment of National Heritage Endowment Fund

35.—(1) A fund called the National Heritage Endowment Fund is established, which vests in the Board and consists of —

- (a) all moneys received by the Board by gift, bequest or otherwise for the Fund;
- (b) any contributions to the Fund that the Minister may specify from moneys provided by Parliament; and
- (c) any other moneys that the Board may decide to transfer to the Fund.

(2) Any interest, dividends and other income derived from the Fund must be credited to the general funds of the Board.

(3) For the purposes of this section, “general funds of the Board” means the funds of the Board other than the Fund.

(4) The Fund must not, except with the prior written approval of the Minister, be applied, disposed of or alienated otherwise than as specified in section 31(3) and (4).

Financial year

36. The financial year of the Board begins on 1 April of each year and ends on 31 March of the succeeding year.

[5/2018]

PART 7**TRANSFER OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND EMPLOYEES****Transfer of assets and liabilities**

37.—(1) As from 1 August 1993, all movable property vested in the Government immediately before that date and used or managed by the National Museum, the National Archives and Records Centre or the Oral History Department, and all assets, rights, interests, liabilities and obligations of the Government relating to the National Museum, the National Archives and Records Centre or the Oral History Department are to be transferred to and vested in the Board without further assurance.

(2) As from 1 August 1993, the Board controls and manages the National Museum which is to be known by such name as the Board thinks fit.

(3) If any question arises as to whether any particular property, or whether any particular asset, interest, right, liability or obligation has been transferred to or vested in the Board under subsection (1), a certificate under the hand of the Minister for Finance is conclusive evidence that the property, asset, interest, right, liability or obligation was or was not so transferred or vested.

Existing agreements, etc.

38. All deeds, bonds, agreements, instruments and working arrangements, subsisting immediately before 1 August 1993, affecting any of the property, rights, interests, liabilities and obligations transferred to or vested in the Board under section 37(1) continue in force on and after that date and are enforceable by or against the Board as if, instead of the Government or a person acting on behalf of the Government, the Board had been named therein or had been a party thereto.

Pending legal proceedings

39. Any proceedings or cause of action pending or existing immediately before 1 August 1993 by or against the Government or any person acting on behalf of the Government relating to the National Museum, the National Archives and Records Centre or the Oral History Department may be continued and must be enforced by or against the Board.

Transfer of employees

40.—(1) As from 1 August 1993, such categories of persons employed immediately before that date in the National Museum, the National Archives and Records Centre and the Oral History Department as the Minister may determine must be transferred to the service of the Board on terms no less favourable than those enjoyed by them immediately prior to their transfer.

(2) Until such time as terms and conditions of service are drawn up by the Board, the scheme and terms and conditions of service in the Government continue to apply to every person transferred to the service of the Board under subsection (1) as if the person were still in the service of the Government.

Pension rights, etc., of Government employees to be preserved

41.—(1) The terms and conditions of service of persons transferred to the service of the Board under section 40 must take into account the salaries and terms and conditions of service, including any accrued rights to leave, enjoyed by such persons while in the employment of the Government and any such term or condition relating to the length of service with the Board must provide for the recognition of service under the Government by persons so transferred to be service by them under the Board.

(2) Nothing in the terms and conditions of service to be drawn up by the Board is to adversely affect the conditions that would have been applicable to persons transferred to the service of the Board as regards any pension, gratuity or allowance payable under the Pensions Act 1956.

(3) In every case where a person has been transferred to the service of the Board under section 40, the Government is liable to pay the Board such portion of any gratuity, pension or allowance payable to such person on his or her retirement or otherwise leaving the service of the Board as the same shall bear to the proportion which the aggregate amount of his or her pensionable emoluments during his or her service with the Government bears to the aggregate amount of his or her pensionable emoluments during his or her service under both the Government and the Board.

(4) Where any person who is transferred to the service of the Board under section 40 is a contributor under the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Act 1904, he or she must, for the purposes of that Act, continue to make contributions under that Act as if he or she had not been transferred to the service of the Board and, for the purposes of that Act, his or her service with the Board is deemed to be service with the Government.

No benefits in respect of abolition or reorganisation of office

42. Despite the provisions of the Pensions Act 1956, no person who is transferred to the service of the Board under section 40 is entitled to claim any benefit under the Pensions Act 1956 on the ground that he or she has been retired from the service of the Government on account

of abolition or reorganisation of office in consequence of the establishment and incorporation of the Board.

Continuation and completion of disciplinary proceedings

43.—(1) Where on 1 August 1993, any disciplinary proceedings are pending against any person transferred to the service of the Board under section 40, any committee acting under due authority to hear or investigate the matter continues to exist, despite this Act, for the purpose of completing the hearing or investigation and the making of an order or rendering a decision (as the case may be) and the Government or committee must complete the hearing or investigation in accordance with the authority vested in the Government or committee immediately before that date and make such order, ruling or direction as the Government or committee could have made under the authority vested in it immediately before that date.

(2) Any order, ruling or direction made or given by the Government or committee pursuant to this section is to be treated as an order, ruling or direction of the Board and have the same force or effect as if it had been made or given by the Board pursuant to the authority vested in the Board under this Act.

Misconduct or neglect of duty by employee before transfer

44. The Board may reprimand, reduce in rank, retire, dismiss or punish in some other manner a person transferred to the service of the Board under section 40 for any misconduct or neglect of duty committed prior to 1 August 1993 which would have rendered the person liable to be reprimanded, reduced in rank, retired, dismissed or punished in some other manner by the Government as if this Act had not been enacted.

Interpretation of this Part

45. In this Part, “National Archives and Records Centre” means the National Archives and Records Centre established under the repealed National Archives and Records Centre Act (Cap. 193, 1985 Revised Edition) in force immediately before 1 August 1993.

PART 8

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Power to enter upon lands to conduct archaeological investigation

46.—(1) Subject to this section, any person specifically authorised in writing by the Board, after giving not less than 24 hours' notice in writing to the occupier of the land of his or her intention to enter the land and on production of his or her authority, if so required by or on behalf of the occupier, may enter for the purposes of archaeological investigation or examination at all reasonable times upon any land which the Board has reason to believe contains any ancient monument and may make excavations in the land.

(2) No person may, under any power conferred by subsection (1), enter any dwelling house or any building, park, garden, pleasure ground or other land used for the amenity or convenience of a dwelling house except with the occupier's consent.

(3) No excavation may be made under the power conferred by subsection (1) except with the consent of every person whose consent to the making of the excavation would, apart from that subsection, be required.

(4) Any power of entry under this section includes the power for any person entering any land in exercise of the power of entry to take with him or her any assistance or equipment reasonably required for the purpose to which his or her entry relates and to do there anything reasonably necessary for carrying out that purpose.

(5) Without affecting subsection (4), where a person enters any land in exercise of any power of entry under this section for the purpose of carrying out any archaeological investigation or examination of the land, he or she may take and remove any samples of any description that appear to him or her to be reasonably required for the purpose of archaeological analysis.

(6) Where a person enters any land in exercise of any power of entry under this section for the purpose of carrying out any archaeological investigation or examination of the land, he or she may take temporary custody of any object of archaeological or

historical interest discovered during the course of the excavations carried out for that purpose, and remove it from its site for the purpose of examining, testing, treating, recording or preserving it.

(7) The Board or other person by or on whose behalf the power of entry was exercised may not retain the object without the owner's consent beyond the period that may be reasonably required for the purpose of examining and recording it and carrying out any test or treatment which appears to the Board or to that person to be desirable for the purpose of archaeological investigation or analysis or with a view to restoring or preserving the object.

(8) Nothing in this section affects any right of the Government in relation to treasure trove.

(9) Any person who wilfully obstructs or hinders any person in the exercise of the powers conferred by this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

(10) In this section —

“ancient monument” means any monument which, in the opinion of the Board, is of public interest by reason of the historic, cultural, traditional, archaeological, architectural, artistic or symbolic significance attaching to it;

“monument” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Preservation of Monuments Act 2009.

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(11) For the purposes of this section, “archaeological investigation” means any investigation of any land, objects or other material for the purpose of obtaining and recording any information of archaeological or historical interest and includes in the case of an archaeological investigation of any land —

(a) any investigation for the purpose of discovering and revealing and (where appropriate) recovering and removing any objects or other material of archaeological or historical interest situated in, on or under the land; and

- (b) examining, testing, treating, recording and preserving any such objects or material discovered during the course of any excavation or inspection carried out for the purposes of any such investigation.

(12) For the purposes of this section, an archaeological examination of any land means any examination or inspection of the land (including any buildings or other structures on the land) for the purpose of obtaining and recording any information of archaeological or historical interest.

Board's symbol

47.—(1) The Board has the exclusive right to the use of any symbol or representation that it may select or devise and to display or exhibit in connection with its activities or affairs.

(2) A person who, without the permission of the Board, uses a symbol or representation identical with that of the Board or which so resembles the Board's symbol or representation as to deceive or cause confusion, or to be likely to deceive or cause confusion, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

Preservation of secrecy

47A.—(1) Except for the purpose of the performance of his or her functions or the discharge of his or her duties or when lawfully required to do so by any court or where required or allowed by the provisions of this Act or any written law, no person who is or has been —

- (a) a member, an officer, an employee or an agent of the Board; or

- (b) a member of a committee appointed by the Board under this Act or any written law administered by the Board,

may disclose any information relating to the affairs of the Board or of any other person which has been obtained by him or her in the performance of his or her functions or the discharge of his or her duties.

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(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

Immunity of Board and its employees, etc.

48. No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Board, any member, officer or employee of the Board or other person acting under the direction of the Board for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in the execution or purported execution of this Act or the Preservation of Monuments Act 2009.

Regulations

49.—(1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations for any matter which may be prescribed under this Act and generally for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Act.

- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may —
- (a) provide for the use, custody, preservation, reproduction, removal, destruction and disposal of the objects and other documents under this Act;
 - (b) provide for regulating the conduct of persons on any land or building owned by, or under the control of, the Board;
 - (c) prescribe the forms, fees or registers for the purposes of this Act; and
 - (d) provide for the exemption from the payment, in whole or in part, of any fee under this Act.

Transitional provisions

50.—(1) Any scheme, contract, document, certificate, licence, permission or resolution prepared, made, granted or approved under the repealed National Archives and Records Centre Act (Cap. 193, 1985 Revised Edition) shall, so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue and be deemed to have been prepared, made, granted or approved under this Act.

(2) Any subsidiary legislation made under the repealed National Archives and Records Centre Act (Cap. 193, 1985 Revised Edition) and in force immediately before 1 August 1993 shall, so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue in force as if made under this Act until it is revoked by subsidiary legislation made under this Act.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 5(2)

CONSTITUTION AND PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD

Appointment of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and other members

1.—(1) The Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and other members must be appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Deputy Chairperson may, subject to such directions as may be given by the Chairperson, exercise all or any of the powers exercisable by the Chairperson under this Act.

(3) The Minister may appoint the chief executive officer to be a member.

Tenure of office of members

2. The Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and every other member, unless their appointment is revoked under paragraph 5 or they resign during their term of office under paragraph 6, are to hold office for such term as the Minister may determine.

Temporary Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson

3. The Minister may appoint any member to be a temporary Chairperson or temporary Deputy Chairperson during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary absence from Singapore, of the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson, as the case may be.

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Temporary members

4. The Minister may appoint any person to be a temporary member during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary absence from Singapore, of any member.

Revocation of appointment

5. The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson or any member without assigning any reason.

Resignation

6. Any member may resign from his or her appointment at any time by giving notice in writing to the Minister.

Vacation of office of member

7. The office of a member is vacated if the member —

- (a) becomes in any manner disqualified for membership of the Board; or
- (b) has been absent, without leave of the Board, from 3 consecutive meetings of the Board.

Filling of vacancy in office of member

8. If a member dies, resigns or has his or her appointment revoked or otherwise vacates his or her office before the expiry of the term for which he or she has been appointed, another person may be appointed by the Minister for the unexpired period of the term of office of the member in whose place he or she is appointed.

Disqualification from membership

9. No person may be appointed or may continue to hold office as a member if he or she —

- (a) has a mental disorder and is incapable of managing himself or herself or his or her affairs;
- (b) is an undischarged bankrupt or has made any arrangement or composition with his or her creditors; or
- (c) is convicted of an offence involving dishonesty, fraud or moral turpitude and has not received a free pardon.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued***Salaries, fees and allowances payable to members**

10. There are to be paid to the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and other members out of the funds of the Board such salaries, fees and allowances as the Minister may determine.

Meetings of Board

11.—(1) The Board is to meet for the despatch of business at such times and places as the Chairperson may appoint.

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the Board is one-half of the total number of members.

(3) Decisions at meetings of the Board are adopted by a simple majority of the votes of the members present and voting; and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson or in his or her absence the Deputy Chairperson or the member presiding has a casting vote.

(4) The Chairperson or in his or her absence the Deputy Chairperson presides at meetings of the Board.

(5) Where both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson are absent at a meeting, such member as the members present may elect presides at the meeting.

(6) The Board may act despite any vacancy in its membership.

(7) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018, the Board may make standing orders to regulate its own procedure and, in particular, the holding of meetings, the notice to be given of the meetings, the proceedings at the meetings, the keeping of minutes and the custody, production and inspection of the minutes.

Validity of acts of members

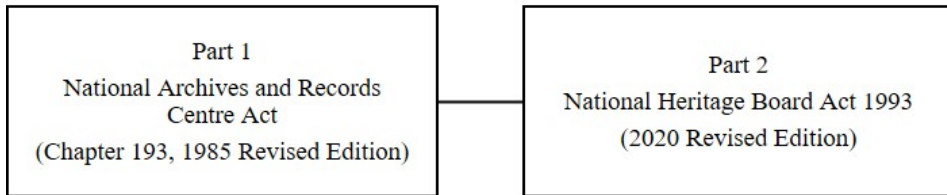
12. The acts of a member are valid despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in his or her appointment or qualifications.

[5/2018]

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY DETAILS

PART 1
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS
CENTRE ACT
(CHAPTER 193, 1985 REVISED EDITION)

1. Act 22 of 1967 — National Archives and Records Centre Act, 1967

Bill	:	17/1967
First Reading	:	29 June 1967
Second Reading	:	8 September 1967
Notice of Amendments	:	8 September 1967
Third Reading	:	8 September 1967
Commencement	:	7 February 1969

2. 1970 Revised Edition — National Archives and Records Centre Act (Chapter 310)

Operation	:	31 August 1971
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3. 1985 Revised Edition — National Archives and Records Centre Act (Chapter 193)

Operation	:	30 March 1987
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PART 2
NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD ACT 1993
(2020 REVISED EDITION)

4. Act 13 of 1993 — National Heritage Board Act 1993

Bill	:	5/1993
First Reading	:	26 February 1993
Second and Third Readings	:	13 April 1993
Commencement	:	1 August 1993

5. 1994 Revised Edition — National Heritage Board Act (Chapter 196A)

Operation	:	15 March 1994
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6. Act 5 of 2002 — Statutory Corporations (Capital Contribution) Act 2002
(Amendments made by section 3 read with item (26) of the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	7/2002
First Reading	:	3 May 2002
Second and Third Readings	:	24 May 2002
Commencement	:	15 July 2002 (section 3 read with item (26) of the Schedule)

7. Act 45 of 2004 — Trustees (Amendment) Act 2004

(Amendments made by section 25(4) read with item (33) of the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	43/2004
First Reading	:	21 September 2004
Second and Third Readings	:	19 October 2004
Commencement	:	15 December 2004 (section 25(4) read with item (33) of the Schedule)

8. Act 10 of 2007 — Charities (Amendment) Act 2007

(Amendments made by section 22 read with item (5) of the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	22/2006
First Reading	:	8 November 2006
Second and Third Readings	:	23 January 2007
Commencement	:	1 March 2007 (section 22 read with item (5) of the Schedule)

9. Act 16 of 2009 — Preservation of Monuments Act 2009
(Amendments made by section 37 of the above Act)

Bill	:	9/2009
First Reading	:	23 March 2009
Second and Third Readings	:	13 April 2009
Commencement	:	1 July 2009 (section 37)

10. Act 21 of 2008 — Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act 2008
(Amendments made by section 33 read with item 1(33) of the Second Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	11/2008
First Reading	:	21 July 2008
Second and Third Readings	:	15 September 2008
Commencement	:	1 March 2010 (section 33 read with item 1(33) of the Second Schedule)

11. Act 25 of 2012 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Act 2012
(Amendments made by section 7 of the above Act)

Bill	:	23/2012
First Reading	:	10 September 2012
Second and Third Readings	:	15 October 2012
Commencement	:	28 March 2013 (section 7)

12. 2014 Revised Edition — National Heritage Board Act (Chapter 196A)

Operation	:	31 December 2014
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13. Act 5 of 2018 — Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018
(Amendments made by section 83 of the above Act)

Bill	:	45/2017
First Reading	:	6 November 2017
Second Reading	:	8 January 2018
Notice of Amendments	:	8 January 2018
Third Reading	:	8 January 2018
Commencement	:	1 April 2018 (section 83)

14. Act 36 of 2021 — Preservation of Monuments (Amendment) Act 2021
(Amendments made by section 12 of the above Act)

Bill	:	33/2021
First Reading	:	4 October 2021
Second and Third Readings	:	2 November 2021
Commencement	:	30 November 2021 (section 12)

Abbreviations

C.P.	Council Paper
G.N. No. S (N.S.)	Government Notification Number Singapore (New Series)
G.N. No.	Government Notification Number
G.N. No. S	Government Notification Number Singapore
G.N. Sp. No. S	Government Notification Special Number Singapore
L.A.	Legislative Assembly
L.N.	Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian Subsidiary Legislation)
M. Act	Malayan Act/Malaysia Act
M. Ordinance	Malayan Ordinance
Parl.	Parliament
S.S.G.G. (E) No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Number
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COMPARATIVE TABLE
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2020 Ed.	2014 Ed.
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THE SCHEDULE	FIRST SCHEDULE
—	SECOND SCHEDULE [<i>Repealed by Act 5 of 2018</i>]