



# THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

## SEDITION ACT 1948 (REPEALED)

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## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. (Repealed)
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(This Act has been repealed.)

[28 May 1964]

**(Repealed)**

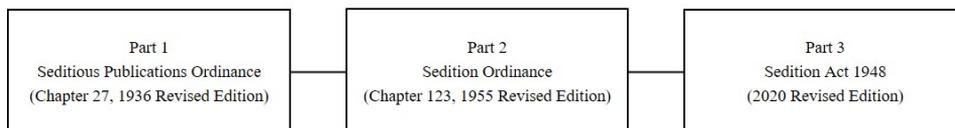
**1.** (This Act was repealed by Act 30 of 2021 with effect from 02/11/2022).

# LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

## SEDITION ACT 1948 (REPEALED)

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### PICTORIAL OVERVIEW OF PREDECESSOR ACTS



### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY DETAILS

#### PART 1

#### SEDITIONOUS PUBLICATIONS ORDINANCE

#### (CHAPTER 27, 1936 REVISED EDITION)

#### 1. Ordinance XI of 1915 — The Seditious Publications (Prohibition) Ordinance 1915

|                      |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Bill                 | : | G.N. No. 636/1915 |
| First Reading        | : | 25 June 1915      |
| Second Reading       | : | 9 July 1915       |
| Notice of Amendments | : | 9 July 1915       |
| Third Reading        | : | 9 July 1915       |
| Commencement         | : | 14 July 1915      |

#### 2. 1920 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 151 (Seditious Publications)

|           |   |                  |
|-----------|---|------------------|
| Operation | : | 28 November 1921 |
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#### 3. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 151 (Seditious Publications)

|           |   |               |
|-----------|---|---------------|
| Operation | : | 1 August 1926 |
|-----------|---|---------------|

#### 4. Ordinance 26 of 1928 — Seditious Publications (Amendment) Ordinance, 1928

|                           |   |                    |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Bill                      | : | G.N. No. 2073/1928 |
| First Reading             | : | 29 October 1928    |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 10 December 1928   |
| Commencement              | : | 24 December 1928   |

**5. Ordinance 11 of 1930 — Seditious Publications (Amendment) Ordinance, 1930**

|                      |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Bill                 | : | G.N. No. 894/1930 |
| First Reading        | : | 12 May 1930       |
| Second Reading       | : | 7 July 1930       |
| Notice of Amendments | : | 7 July 1930       |
| Third Reading        | : | 25 August 1930    |
| Commencement         | : | 8 September 1930  |

**6. Ordinance 4 of 1932 — Seditious Publications (Amendment) Ordinance, 1932**

|                           |   |                 |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Bill                      | : | G.N. No. 7/1932 |
| First Reading             | : | 26 January 1932 |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 4 April 1932    |
| Commencement              | : | 15 April 1932   |

**7. Ordinance 63 of 1935 — Statute Law Revision Ordinance, 1935**

(Amendments made by section 2 read with item (p) of the First Schedule to the above Ordinance)

|                      |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Bill                 | : | G.N. No. 3043/1935  |
| First Reading        | : | 20 November 1935  |
| Second Reading       | : | 9 December 1935   |
| Notice of Amendments | : | 9 December 1935   |
| Third Reading        | : | 9 December 1935   |
| Commencement         | : | 31 December 1935 (section 2 read with item (p) of the First Schedule) |

**8. 1936 Revised Edition — Seditious Publications Ordinance (Chapter 27)**

|           |   |                  |
|-----------|---|------------------|
| Operation | : | 1 September 1936 |
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PART 2

SEDITION ORDINANCE

(CHAPTER 123, 1955 REVISED EDITION)

**9. Ordinance 18 of 1938 — Seditious Publications Ordinance, 1938**

|               |   |                    |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| Bill          | : | G.N. No. 1666/1938 |
| First Reading | : | 13 June 1938       |

|                      |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Second Reading       | : | 29 August 1938    |
| Notice of Amendments | : | 29 August 1938    |
| Third Reading        | : | 29 August 1938    |
| Commencement         | : | 14 September 1938 |

**10. Ordinance 37 of 1952 — Law Revision (Penalties Amendment)  
Ordinance, 1952**

(Amendments made by section 2 read with item 88 of the Schedule to the above Ordinance)

|                           |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Bill                      | : | 32/1952   |
| First Reading             | : | 16 September 1952   |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 14 October 1952   |
| Commencement              | : | 30 April 1955 (section 2 read with item 88 of the Schedule) |

**11. 1955 Revised Edition — Sedition Ordinance (Chapter 123)**

|           |   |             |
|-----------|---|-------------|
| Operation | : | 1 July 1956 |
|-----------|---|-------------|

PART 3  
SEDITION ACT 1948  
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**12. M. Ordinance 14 of 1948 — Sedition Ordinance, 1948**

|              |   |              |
|--------------|---|--------------|
| Commencement | : | 19 July 1948 |
| Application  | : | 28 May 1964  |

*Note: This Ordinance was extended to Singapore with modifications by the Modification of Laws (Sedition) (Extension and Modification) Order, 1964 (L.N. 149/1964 (G.N. Sp. No. S 83/1964)) on 28 May 1964.*

**13. L.N. 149/1964 (G.N. Sp. No. S 83/1964) — Modification of Laws  
(Sedition) (Extension and  
Modification) Order, 1964**

|              |   |             |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| Commencement | : | 28 May 1964 |
|--------------|---|-------------|

*Note: This Order ceased the application of the Sedition Ordinance (Chapter 123, 1955 Revised Edition) and extended the Federation of Malaya Sedition Ordinance, 1948 (M. Ordinance 14 of 1948) with modifications to Singapore.*

**14. G.N. No. S 15/1966 — Modification of Laws (Sedition) Order, 1966**

Commencement : 12 January 1966

**15. 1966 Reprint — Sedition Ordinance, 1948**

Reprint : 14 January 1966

**16. 1970 Revised Edition — Sedition Act (Chapter 106)**

Operation : 15 April 1971

**17. Act 21 of 1973 — Statutes of the Republic of Singapore (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1973**

(Amendments made by section 2 read with the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 16/1973

First Reading : 7 March 1973

Second and Third Readings : 20 March 1973

Commencement : 6 April 1973 (section 2 read with the Schedule)

**18. 1985 Revised Edition — Sedition Act (Chapter 290)**

Operation : 30 March 1987

**19. Act 42 of 2005 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Act 2005**  
(Amendments made by section 5 read with item (32) of the First Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 30/2005

First Reading : 17 October 2005

Second and Third Readings : 21 November 2005

Commencement : 1 January 2006 (section 5 read with item (32) of the First Schedule)

**20. 2013 Revised Edition — Sedition Act (Chapter 290)**

Operation : 31 August 2013

**21. Act 40 of 2019 — Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act 2019**  
(Amendments made by section 28(1) read with item 144 of the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 32/2019

First Reading : 7 October 2019

Second Reading : 5 November 2019

Notice of Amendments : 5 November 2019

|               |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|
| Third Reading | : | 5 November 2019   |
| Commencement  | : | 2 January 2021 (section 28(1) read with item 144 of the Schedule) |

**22. 2020 Revised Edition — Sedition Act 1948**

|           |   |                  |
|-----------|---|------------------|
| Operation | : | 31 December 2021 |
|-----------|---|------------------|

**23. Act 25 of 2021 — Courts (Civil and Criminal Justice) Reform Act 2021**  
(Amendments made by section 200 of the above Act)

|                           |   |                   |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Bill                      | : | 18/2021           |
| First Reading             | : | 26 July 2021      |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 14 September 2021 |
| Commencement              | : | 1 April 2022      |

**24. Act 30 of 2021 — Sedition (Repeal) Act 2021**  
(Amendments made by the above Act)

|                           |   |                   |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Bill                      | : | 23/2021           |
| First Reading             | : | 13 September 2021 |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 5 October 2021    |
| Commencement              | : | 2 November 2022   |

Abbreviations

(updated on 29 August 2022)

|              |  |
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| G.N.         | Gazette Notification   |
| G.N. Sp.     | Gazette Notification (Special Supplement)  |
| L.A.         | Legislative Assembly   |
| L.N.         | Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian)   |
| M.           | Malaya/Malaysia (including Federated Malay States, Malayan Union, Federation of Malaya and Federation of Malaysia) |
| Parl.        | Parliament   |
| S            | Subsidiary Legislation   |
| S.I.         | Statutory Instrument (United Kingdom)  |
| S (N.S.)     | Subsidiary Legislation (New Series)  |
| S.S.G.G.     | Straits Settlements Government Gazette   |
| S.S.G.G. (E) | Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary)   |