



**THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

**SECRETARY OF THE SYNOD  
OF THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE  
ORDINANCE 1959**

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# Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore Ordinance 1959

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An Ordinance to incorporate the Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore.

[26 March 1959]

Whereas there was constituted and established in the Colony of Singapore on 15 January 1949 a Synod in the Diocese of Singapore under the Metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury:

And whereas the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore is possessed of or otherwise well entitled to certain lands in the Colony of Singapore described in the Schedule to this Ordinance which are at present vested in the Bishop of Singapore a corporation sole incorporated by the Bishop of Singapore Ordinance 1911:

And whereas the said lands and premises are managed by the said Synod of the Diocese of Singapore the present Secretary thereof being Lieutenant-Commander Roland Keith Hudson, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Distinguished Service Cross, Royal Navy, Retired:

And whereas it is expedient for conveyancing purposes to incorporate the Secretary for the time being of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore and to vest the said lands and premises in such Secretary for the time being as aforesaid as trustee for the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore:

It is hereby enacted by the Governor of the Colony of Singapore with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly thereof as follows:

**Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore Ordinance 1959.

**Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore to be a body corporate**

2.—(1) The said Roland Keith Hudson and his successors from time to time in the office of the Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore duly qualified as hereinafter provided shall be a body corporate (hereinafter called “the Corporation”) and shall have perpetual succession under the name of the Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore and shall and may have and use a corporate seal.

(2) The said seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as the Corporation thinks fit.

(3) The Corporation may acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description and may sell, convey, assign, surrender and yield up, mortgage, demise, re-assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any movable and immovable property vested in the Corporation upon such terms as to the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore seem fit, and the minutes of the Standing Committee shall be sufficient evidence of such terms.

(4) The Corporation may sue or be sued in respect of its property and otherwise in all courts of justice.

### **Use of corporate seal**

3.—(1) The seal of the Corporation shall not be fixed to any deed, document or other instrument except by the authority of a Resolution of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore, and in the presence of a member of the Standing Committee duly authorised as witness in that resolution.

(2) All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the Corporation shall be sealed with the seal of the Corporation in the presence of the said Roland Keith Hudson or his attorney, duly authorised by a power of attorney deposited under section 48 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1886 or in the presence of his successor for the time being in the office of Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore or his attorney duly authorised as aforesaid and shall also be signed by the said Roland Keith Hudson or his attorney or his said successor or his said attorney and the member of the Standing Committee duly authorised as witness.

(3) Such signing shall be sufficient evidence that the said seal was duly and properly affixed and the said seal is the lawful seal of the Corporation.

### **Qualification of Secretary**

4.—(1) No successor of the said Roland Keith Hudson in the office of Secretary shall be deemed to be duly qualified as aforesaid unless and until he has caused an extract from the Minutes of the Synod appointing him such Secretary certified as correct by the Bishop of Singapore or in his absence a Commissary appointed by the Bishop or the Archbishop of Canterbury during a vacancy in the See of Singapore to be published in the *Gazette*.

(2) Such publication shall be sufficient evidence of the appointment, and that the person named therein is duly qualified as by this Ordinance is required.

### **Vesting of property in the Corporation**

5.—(1) The Bishop of Singapore incorporated in whom are vested the lands hereditaments and premises specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance and all estates rights and interests therein is hereby divested of such lands hereditaments and premises and all estates rights and interests therein.

(2) All lands hereditaments and premises specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance and all estates rights and interests therein are hereby vested in the Corporation as trustee for the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore for the respective estates, rights and interests for which the same are held, and the Corporation shall have full powers as such trustee to deal with the said property as provided in section 2 of this Ordinance.

### **Saving of Government and other rights**

6. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the rights of the Government, all bodies politic and corporate, and all others except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, from or under them.

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THE SCHEDULE

Section 5

LANDS IN SINGAPORE VESTED IN THE BISHOP OF SINGAPORE  
INCORPORATED UNDER THE BISHOP OF SINGAPORE ORDINANCE  
1911 PRIOR TO 26 MARCH 1959.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>T.S. or Mukim</i>	<i>Land Lot No.</i>	<i>Metric Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</i>	<i>Estate</i>
1	St. Andrew's Cathedral Coleman Street	T.S. 10	20-3	2,447.4	Statutory Land Grant No. 33925
	Do.	T.S. 10	20-4	30,397.0	Leasehold No. 5073 for a term of 999 years from 10 November 1951
2	St. Hilda's Church and St. Hilda's School, Ceylon Road, Katong	Mukim 26 Mukim 26	69-5 69-8	2,092.9 2,022.1	Freehold Grant No. 2
3	St. Paul's Church, 6th Milestone, Upper Serangoon Road	Mukim 22	121-75	6,862.0	Freehold Grant No. 20
4	Christ Church and Christ Church School 1 Dorset Road	T.S. 18 T.S. 18	470-5 470-7	2,145.8 2,700.3	Freehold Grant No. 185
5	St. Matthew's Church, 184 Neil Road	T.S. 23	145-2	1,392	Statutory Land Grant No. 4178

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THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>T.S. or Mukim</i>	<i>Land Lot No.</i>	<i>Metric Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</i>	<i>Estate</i>
6	Holy Trinity Church, 1 Hamilton Road	T.S. 17	11-398	1,330.6	Freehold Grant No. 52
7	The Church of True Light and Clinic, 25G Perak Road	T.S. 16	126-1	647	Freehold Grant No. 174
8	St. John's Church, Jurong	Mukim 10	131	12,242	Freehold Grant No. 1627
9	St. Luke's Church, Trafalgar Home, Yio Chu Kang Road	Mukim 21	1-56	265.3	Statutory Land Grant No. 30351
10	St. Andrew's School, Woodsville	Mukim 17 Mukim 17	460-2 460-3	614.7 68,644.8	Statutory Land Grant No. 33358
11	St. Matthew's School and Parsonage, 184 Neil Road	T.S. 23	145-12	1,428.7	Leasehold No. 4841 for a term of 30 years from 1-1-1947
12	Cathedral House, 83 Cavenagh Road and Cathedral Cottage, 85 Cavenagh Road	T.S. 27	106-6	6,719.5	Freehold Grant No. 67

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13	Nos. 84 and 86 Marshall Road, Katong	Mukim 26	68-3	2,842.7	Freehold Grant No. 2
14	Christ Church Parsonage, 118 Keng Lee Road	T.S. 28	15	993.0	Freehold Grant No. 65
15	St. Matthew's Church House, 22 Blair Road	T.S. 23	87-55	130.7	Freehold Grant No. 60
16	No. 44 Butterfly Avenue	Mukim 24	514- 456	507.3	Freehold Grants Nos. 38 and 221
17	No. 46 Butterfly Avenue	Mukim 24	514- 457	445.4	Freehold Grants Nos. 38 and 221
18	St. Margaret's School Extension Site, Farrer Road	Mukim 2 Mukim 2 Mukim 2	80-1 81-2 123-1	808.7 8,394.1 1,767.9	} Freehold Grant No. 60
19	St. Andrew's School Extension Site, Siglap Road	Mukim 27 (Bedok)	1-11	11,724.9	
20	St. Margaret's School	T.S. 19	2	10,905	

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
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**1. Ordinance 37 of 1959 — Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore Ordinance, 1959**

Bill	:	157/1958
First Reading	:	11 June 1958
Second Reading	:	16 July 1958
Select Committee Report	:	Sessional Paper No. L.A. 5 of 1959
Third Reading	:	18 March 1959
Commencement	:	26 March 1959

**2. G.N. No. S 225/1985 — Metrication (Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore Ordinance 1959) Order 1985**

Commencement	:	23 August 1985
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**3. 1985 Revised Edition — Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore Ordinance (Chapter 379)**

Operation	:	30 March 1987
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**4. Act 7 of 1997 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1997**  
(Amendments made by section 6 read with item (33) of the First Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	6/1997
First Reading	:	11 July 1997
Second and Third Readings	:	25 August 1997
Commencement	:	1 October 1997 (section 6 read with item (33) of the First Schedule)

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
S.S.G.G. No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette Number