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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 5 November 2019 and assented to by the President on 5 December 2019:—

**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

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**No. 38 of 2019.**

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*President.*  
5 December 2019.

(LS)

An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (1999 Reprint).

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

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act is the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the President appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of Article 2**

2. Article 2(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (called in this Act the Constitution) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “Judge of the Supreme Court” and substituting the following definition:

““high judicial office” means the office of the Chief Justice, a Justice of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Appellate Division, a Judge of the High Court, a Judicial Commissioner, a Senior Judge or an International Judge, and “person holding high judicial office” has a corresponding meaning;” and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definitions of “Speaker” and “Deputy Speaker”, the following definition:

““Supreme Court Judge” means the Chief Justice, a Justice of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Appellate Division or a Judge of the High Court;”.

**Amendment of Article 9**

3. Article 9(2) of the Constitution is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “High Court” and substituting the words “General Division of the High Court”;

(b) by deleting the word “thereof” and substituting the words “sitting in the General Division of the High Court”; and

(c) by deleting the words “the Court” wherever they appear and substituting in each case the words “the General Division of the High Court”.

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**Amendment of Article 22**

4. Article 22(1) of the Constitution is amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) the Chief Justice, Justices of the Court of Appeal, Judges of the Appellate Division, Judges of the High Court, Judicial Commissioners, Senior Judges and International Judges;”.

**Amendment of Article 50**

5. Article 50(2) of the Constitution is amended by deleting the words “High Court” and substituting the words “General Division of the High Court”.

**Repeal and re-enactment of Article 94**

6. Article 94 of the Constitution is repealed and the following Article substituted therefor:

**“Constitution of Supreme Court**

94.—(1) The Supreme Court consists of —

(a) the Court of Appeal; and

(b) the High Court, which in turn consists of —

(i) the Appellate Division; and

(ii) the General Division.

(2) The Court of Appeal and the Divisions of the High Court have the jurisdiction and powers conferred on each of them by this Constitution and any other written law.

(3) The Court of Appeal consists of the Chief Justice and the Justices of the Court of Appeal.

(4) The Appellate Division of the High Court consists of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Appellate Division.

(5) The General Division of the High Court consists of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the High Court.

(6) A Justice of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Appellate Division or a Judge of the High Court may, if required by the Chief Justice, sit in the Court of Appeal or a Division of the High Court established by clause (1) even if the Justice of the Court of Appeal, the Judge of the Appellate Division or the Judge of the High Court is not a member of the Court of Appeal or that Division of the High Court, as the case may be.

(7) A Judicial Commissioner, a Senior Judge or an International Judge may, subject to Article 95(7), (8), (9) and (10) and the terms of his appointment —

(a) sit in the General Division of the High Court; and

(b) if required by the Chief Justice, sit in the Appellate Division of the High Court or the Court of Appeal.”.

### **Amendment of Article 95**

7. Article 95 of the Constitution is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “the Judges of Appeal” in clause (1) and substituting the words “the Justices of the Court of Appeal, the Judges of the Appellate Division”;

(b) by deleting the words “Judge of the Supreme Court” wherever they appear in clause (2) and substituting in each case the words “Supreme Court Judge”;

(c) by deleting the words “a Judge of Appeal” in clause (2) and substituting the words “a Justice of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Appellate Division”;

(d) by deleting clause (3);

(e) by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b) of clause (4) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) appoint a person who is qualified for appointment as a Supreme Court Judge to be a Judicial Commissioner;

(b) appoint a person who has ceased to be a Supreme Court Judge to be a Senior Judge; or”;

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- (f) by deleting the words “of the Supreme Court” in clauses (4)(c), (5), (7), (8), (9)(a) and (b), (10) and (11);
  - (g) by deleting the word “Parliament” in clause (10) and substituting the words “The Legislature”; and
  - (h) by deleting the words “Judges of Supreme Court” in the Article heading and substituting the words “Supreme Court Judges”.

### **Amendment of Article 97**

**8.** Article 97 of the Constitution is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Every person appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court or a Judicial Commissioner or a Senior Judge of the Supreme Court” in clause (1) and substituting the words “A person appointed to a high judicial office”;
- (b) by deleting clause (1A);
- (c) by deleting the words “clauses (1) and (1A)” in clause (2) and substituting the words “clause (1)”;
- (d) by deleting the words “of the Supreme Court” in clause (2); and
- (e) by deleting the words “Judges of Supreme Court” in the Article heading and substituting the words “Supreme Court Judges”.

### **Amendment of Article 98**

**9.** Article 98 of the Constitution is amended —

- (a) by deleting clause (1) and substituting the following clauses:

“(1) The office of a Supreme Court Judge must not be abolished during the continuance in office of the Judge.

(1A) Unless he resigns or is removed in accordance with this Article, a Supreme Court Judge appointed under Article 95(1) holds office until he attains the

age of 65 years or such later time not being later than 6 months after he attains that age, as the President may approve.”;

- (b) by deleting the words “A Judge of the Supreme Court or a Judicial Commissioner, a Senior Judge or an International Judge of the Supreme Court” in clause (2) and substituting the words “A person holding high judicial office”;
- (c) by deleting the words “office as a Judge of the Supreme Court or a Judicial Commissioner, a Senior Judge or an International Judge of the Supreme Court” in clause (3) and substituting the words “high judicial office”;
- (d) by deleting the words “Judge of the Supreme Court” in clauses (4), (7), (8), (9) and (10) and substituting in each case the words “Supreme Court Judge”;
- (e) by deleting the words “any other Judge of the Supreme Court or a Judicial Commissioner, a Senior Judge or an International Judge of the Supreme Court” in clause (5) and substituting the words “any other person holding high judicial office”;
- (f) by deleting the words “a Judge of the Supreme Court, or a Judicial Commissioner, a Senior Judge or an International Judge of the Supreme Court (as the case may be)” in clause (5) and substituting the words “a person holding high judicial office”;
- (g) by deleting the word “Parliament” in clause (6) and substituting the words “The Legislature”;
- (h) by deleting the words “Judges of the Supreme Court” in clauses (6) and (7) and substituting in each case the words “Supreme Court Judges”;
- (i) by deleting the word “Parliament” in clause (7) and substituting the words “the Legislature”;
- (j) by deleting the words “clause (1)” in clause (9) and substituting the words “clause (1A)”; and

- (k) by deleting the words “Judges of Supreme Court” in the Article heading and substituting the words “Supreme Court Judges”.

### **Amendment of Article 99**

**10.** Article 99 of the Constitution is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “a Judge of the Supreme Court or a Judicial Commissioner, a Senior Judge or an International Judge of the Supreme Court” and substituting the words “a person holding high judicial office”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “a Judge of Supreme Court” in the Article heading and substituting the words “person holding high judicial office”.

### **Repeal of Article 101**

**11.** Article 101 of the Constitution is repealed.

### **New Article 166**

**12.** The Constitution is amended by inserting, immediately after Article 165, the following Article:

**“Transitional provision for persons who hold or have held office as Judge of Appeal immediately before date of commencement of Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2019**

**166.—**(1) A person who holds office as a Judge of Appeal immediately before the date of commencement of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2019 is, from that date —

- (a) if the person was appointed as a Judge of Appeal under Article 95(1), to hold office as a Justice of the Court of Appeal in accordance with Article 98; and
- (b) if the person was appointed as a Judge of Appeal for a specified period under Article 95(2), to hold office as a Justice of the Court of Appeal in accordance with Article 98 for the remainder of that period.

(2) A person who ceased to be a Judge of Appeal before the date of commencement of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2019 is, on or after that date, to be treated —

- (a) for the purposes of Article 95(2) and (4)(b), as a person who has ceased to be a Supreme Court Judge; and
- (b) for the purposes of Article 98(4), as a person who has held office as a Supreme Court Judge.”.

### **Amendment of First Schedule**

**13.** The First Schedule to the Constitution is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “*a Judge of the Supreme Court and a Judicial Commissioner and a Senior Judge of the Supreme Court*” in the heading of item 6 and substituting the words “*Supreme Court Judge, Judicial Commissioner or Senior Judge*”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “*of the Supreme Court*” in the heading of item 6A.

### **Miscellaneous amendments**

**14.** The Constitution is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Judge of the Supreme Court” in the following provisions and substituting in each case the words “Supreme Court Judge”:

Article 18(2)(e)

Article 20(3)

Article 22N(5)

Article 35(1)

Article 37G(1)

Article 37H(1)

Article 74(1)

Article 75



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Article 93A(1)

Article 96

Article 103(b)(iii)

Article 105(8)

Article 111(2E)(a)

Article 133(2)

Article 151(2);

(b) by deleting the words “Judges of the Supreme Court” in the following provisions and substituting in each case the words “Supreme Court Judges”:

Article 22L(5)

Article 35(6)(a)

Article 35A(10)

Article 100(1)

Article 107(2)

Article 111(2D)(a)

Article 148F(8); and

(c) by deleting the words “Judges of Supreme Court” in the following provision and substituting the words “Supreme Court Judges”:

Article 96 (Article heading).

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