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## COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020

# COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (CESSATION OF SECTION 28 FOR CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS) ORDER 2022

#### ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

### Paragraph

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28(13) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Law, in consultation with the Chief Justice, makes the following Order:

## **Citation and commencement**

**1.** This Order is the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Cessation of Section 28 for Certain Proceedings) Order 2022 and comes into operation on 1 April 2022.

### **Cessation of section 28 of Act**

**2.** The Minister declares that section 28 of the Act ceases to apply in relation to the following proceedings, whether commenced before, on or after 1 April 2022 and in respect of which no order under section 28(1) of the Act has been made before 1 April 2022:

- (a) any proceedings in a Family Court constituted under section 3 of the Family Justice Act 2014;
- (b) any proceedings in a Youth Court constituted under section 3 of the Family Justice Act 2014;
- (c) any proceedings in a State Court constituted under section 3 of the State Courts Act 1970;

(*d*) any proceedings in the Supreme Court constituted under Article 94 of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, except any proceedings before a court of 3 Supreme Court Judges under the Legal Profession Act 1966.

## **Saving provision**

3. Despite paragraph 2, section 28 of the Act continues to apply to or in relation to —

- (a) any court proceedings in respect of which an order under section 28(1) of the Act was made before 1 April 2022;
- (b) any evidence given by an accused person or a witness in any court proceedings, by means of a live video or live television link that is created using a remote communication technology approved by the Chief Justice, pursuant to an order under section 28(1) of the Act made before 1 April 2022; and
- (c) any appearance made (other than to give evidence) by an accused person or a witness in any court proceedings, by means of a live video, live television link or live audio link that is created using a remote communication technology approved by the Chief Justice, pursuant to an order under section 28(1) of the Act made before 1 April 2022.

Made on 30 March 2022.

LAI WEI LIN Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law, Singapore.

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