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SINGAPORE ACADEMY OF LAW ACT
(CHAPTER 294A)

SINGAPORE ACADEMY OF LAW
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the Singapore Academy of Law Act, the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Singapore Academy of Law (Amendment) Rules 2015 and come into operation on 2 June 2015.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Singapore Academy of Law Rules (R 1) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by deleting the definition of “committee” and substituting the following definition:

““committee” means any committee or board appointed by the Senate under section 10 of the Act but does not include a sub-committee appointed under rule 16;”.

Amendment of rule 3

3. Rule 3(5) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “Executive Committee” and substituting the words “Executive Board”.

Amendment of rule 4

4. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “Executive Committee” in paragraphs (1), (2)(a) and (3)(e) and substituting in each case the words “Executive Board”; and

- (b) by deleting the word “Committee” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “Executive Board”.

Amendment of rule 5

5. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended —

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

“(1) An Executive Board comprising the following individuals is appointed under section 10 of the Act:

- (a) a chairperson who is the President of the Academy;
- (b) the Attorney-General;
- (c) the President of the Law Society;
- (d) 5 members of the Senate;
- (e) at least one and not more than 4 members of the Academy nominated by the President of the Academy.”;

- (b) by deleting paragraph (2);

- (c) by deleting the words “conferred upon the Executive Committee” in paragraph (3) and substituting the words “delegated to the Executive Board”;

- (d) by deleting paragraph (4); and

- (e) by deleting the rule heading and substituting the following rule heading:

“Executive Board”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 6 and deletion of rules 7, 8 and 10

6. The principal Rules are amended by deleting rules 6, 7, 8 and 10 and substituting the following rule:

“Audit Committee

6.—(1) An Audit Committee comprising the following individuals is appointed under section 10 of the Act:

- (a) a chairperson who is a member of the Senate;
- (b) at least one and not more than 4 other individuals who need not be members of the Academy.

(2) The Audit Committee must —

- (a) evaluate and recommend to the Senate the suitability of a person to be appointed as the Academy’s auditor under section 22 of the Act, having regard to the independence and objectivity of that person;
- (b) review the adequacy of the Academy’s internal control systems and internal audit functions, such as but not limited to the adequacy of the scope and results of any audit in respect of the Academy’s operations; and
- (c) carry out such other duties as the Senate may assign.”.

Amendment of rule 11

7. Rule 11 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) A Board of Commissioners for Oaths and Notaries Public (called in this rule the Board) comprising the following individuals is appointed under section 10 of the Act:

- (a) a chairperson who is a member of the Senate;
- (b) at least one and not more than 4 other members of the Academy.”.

Deletion of rules 12, 13, 13A, 13B and 13C

8. Rules 12, 13, 13A, 13B and 13C of the principal Rules are deleted.

Amendment of rule 14

9. Rule 14(2) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “Executive Committee” wherever they appear and substituting in each case the words “Executive Board”.

Amendment of rule 15

10. Rule 15 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “shall be 4 members of that committee” and substituting the words “is the majority of members of that committee”.

Amendment of rule 15A

11. Rule 15A of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the word “chairman” in paragraphs (1) and (2)(b) and substituting in each case the word “chairperson”.

Amendment of rule 16

12. Rule 16 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “The Executive Committee and any committee” and substituting the words “Any committee”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “the Executive Committee or the committee, as the case may be” wherever they appear and substituting in each case the words “the committee”.

Amendment of rule 18

13. Rule 18 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “The President or a Vice-President of the Academy” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “The President of the Academy or the member of the Executive Board nominated by the President”;
- (b) by deleting the words “Executive Committee” wherever they appear in paragraphs (1) and (3) and substituting in each case the words “Executive Board”;
- (c) by deleting the words “present in Singapore” in paragraphs (1) and (2);

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- (d) by deleting the words “chairman of any committee may, if he thinks fit” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “chairperson of any other committee may, if the chairperson thinks fit”;
 - (e) by inserting, immediately after the word “members” in paragraph (3), the words “eligible to vote”; and
 - (f) by deleting paragraph (4).

Amendment of rule 21

14. Rule 21 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Executive Committee” wherever they appear in paragraph (1) and substituting in each case the words “Executive Board”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “a member” in paragraph (1), the words “of the Academy”;
- (c) by deleting the words “a chairman and 2 members” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “a chairperson who is a member of the Senate and 2 members of the Academy”; and
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “A member” in paragraph (3), the words “of the Academy”.

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