



# **THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

## **FAMILY JUSTICE ACT 2014**

### **2020 REVISED EDITION**

This revised edition incorporates all amendments up to and including 1 December 2021 and comes into operation on 31 December 2021.

*Prepared and Published by*

THE LAW REVISION COMMISSION  
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF  
THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS ACT 1983



# Family Justice Act 2014

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

### PART 1

#### PRELIMINARY

##### Section

1. Short title
2. Interpretation

### PART 2

#### FAMILY JUSTICE COURTS

3. Family Justice Courts
4. Family Division of High Court
5. Family Courts and Youth Courts
6. Court houses
7. Seals of courts
8. Process of courts
9. Sittings of Family Courts and Youth Courts
10. Sittings in camera, etc.
11. [*Repealed*]

### PART 3

#### APPOINTMENTS, POWERS AND DUTIES

12. Appointment of Presiding Judge of Family Justice Courts
13. Designation of judges of Family Courts
14. Designation of judges of Youth Courts
15. Appointments and qualifications of registrar, deputy registrar and assistant registrars
16. Jurisdiction, powers and duties of registrar, deputy registrar and assistant registrars
17. Officers of Family Justice Courts
18. Powers and duties of certain officers of Family Justice Courts
19. Solicitor, etc., authorised to act as bailiff
20. Oaths of officers
21. Appointments and revocations to be published in *Gazette*

## PART 4

## JURISDICTION

*Division 1 — Jurisdiction of Family Division of High Court*

## Section

22. Original civil jurisdiction of General Division of High Court exercisable through Family Division
23. Appellate civil jurisdiction of General Division of High Court exercisable through Family Division
24. Appellate criminal jurisdiction of General Division of High Court exercisable through Family Division
25. Family Division may exercise entire jurisdiction of General Division of High Court

*Division 2 — Jurisdiction of Family Courts*

26. Jurisdiction of Family Courts
27. Assessors to assist Family Court
28. Examination and assessment of child, etc.
29. General power to transfer proceedings from Family Court to General Division of High Court, and vice versa

*Division 3 — Jurisdiction of Registrar*

30. Jurisdiction of Registrar
31. Execution of deed, signing of document or indorsement of negotiable instrument

*Division 4 — Appeals from Family Court*

32. General provision relating to appeals from Family Court exercising quasi-criminal or civil jurisdiction
33. Agreement not to appeal from Family Court exercising civil jurisdiction
34. Appeal from Family Court exercising civil jurisdiction not to operate as stay of execution

*Division 5 — Jurisdiction of Youth Courts*

35. Jurisdiction of Youth Courts

## PART 5

## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

*Division 1 — Administration*

36. Registry of Family Justice Courts

## Section

- 37. Distribution of business
- 38. Vacations for Family Courts
- 39. List of touts
- 40. Impounding documents

*Division 2 — Disabilities and protection of officers*

- 41. Disqualification of judicial officers
- 42. Judicial officers not to act where interested
- 43. Officers not to bid at sales under any written law
- 44. Misconduct of officers
- 45. Protection of judicial and other officers

*Division 3 — Other matters*

- 46. Family Justice Rules
- 46A. Amendment of Second Schedule
- 47. Saving and transitional provisions
  - First Schedule — Forms of oaths and affirmations
  - Second Schedule — Orders made by Family Court that are appealable only with leave

---

An Act relating to the constitution, jurisdiction and powers of the Family Justice Courts and the administration of justice therein.

[1 October 2014: Parts 1 to 4, Divisions 1 and 2 of Part 5, sections 46, 47(1), (4), (9), (10), (11), (12) and (13) and the Schedule;  
1 January 2015: Sections 47(2), (3), (5), (6), (7) and (8)]

## PART 1

## PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

- 1. This Act is the Family Justice Act 2014.