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An Act to provide for the administration of Hindu religious and charitable endowments.

[1 May 1969]

Short title

1. This Act is the Hindu Endowments Act 1968.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “endowment” means any endowment in land, building or money given or to be given for the support of any Hindu temple or Hindu shrine or school or other Hindu pious, religious, charitable or beneficial purpose.

Constitution

3. There shall be constituted a Hindu Endowments Board (referred to in this Act as the Board) which shall exercise the functions conferred on it by this Act.

Board to be a corporation

4.—(1) The Board shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, and the seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as to the Board seems fit.

(2) The Board may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

Membership

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of —

(a) a Chairman;

(b) a Vice-Chairman;
(c) a Finance member; and
(d) not less than 8 and not more than 12 other members,
all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and unless the contrary intention appears in the instrument of appointment, the appointment of members under subsection (1) shall be for a period of 3 years from the date thereof.

(3) The members of the Board shall be eligible for re-appointment except that a Finance member shall not be appointed for more than 2 consecutive terms as a Finance member but may, at the end of the second consecutive term, be appointed in any capacity in the Board except as a Finance member.

(4) No person shall be appointed a member of the Board under subsection (1) unless he —

- (a) is a Hindu; and
(b) is a citizen of Singapore.

(5) The members of the Board shall be deemed to be public servants for the purposes of the Penal Code 1871.

Secretary

6.—(1) The Secretary of the Board shall be a public officer and shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Secretary of the Board shall convene and attend all meetings of the Board but shall not have the right to vote.

Appointments to be notified in *Gazette*

7. All appointments made under this Act shall be notified in the *Gazette*.

Determination of appointment

8. Without prejudice to sections 5(2) and 9, the appointment of any member of the Board determines —