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An Act relating to societies.

[27 January 1967]

Short title

- 1. This Act is the Societies Act 1966.

Interpretation

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Assistant Registrar” means an Assistant Registrar of Societies appointed under section 3;

“officer” means the president, the secretary and members of the committee of a society and includes persons holding positions analogous to those of president, secretary or member of a committee;

“place of business” means the place where the records and books of account of a society are kept;

“political association” includes any society which the Minister may by order declare to be a political association;

“registered society” means a society registered or deemed to be registered under this Act;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Societies appointed under section 3;

“society” includes any club, company, partnership or association of 10 or more persons, whatever its nature or object, but does not include —

- (a) any company registered under any written law relating to companies for the time being in force in Singapore;
- (b) any company or association constituted under any written law;
- (c) any limited liability partnership registered under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005;
- (d) any trade union registered or required to be registered under any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore;
- (e) any cooperative society registered as such under any written law;
- (f) any mutual benefit organisation registered as such under any written law relating to mutual benefit organisations for the time being in force in Singapore;
- (g) any company, association or partnership, consisting of not more than 20 persons, formed for the sole purpose of carrying on any lawful business that has for its object the acquisition of gain by the company, association or partnership, or the individual members thereof;
- (h) any class, society or association of foreign insurers carrying on insurance business in Singapore under any foreign insurer scheme established under Part 2A of the Insurance Act 1966; or