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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 16th October 2012 and assented to by the President on 20th November 2012:—

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No. 27 of 2012.

I assent.

(LS)

TONY TAN KENG YAM,
President.
20th November 2012.

An Act to amend the Civil Law Act (Chapter 43 of the 1999 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Public Trustee Act (Chapter 260 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Civil Law (Amendment) Act 2012 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 27

2. Section 27 of the Civil Law Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Bona vacantia, etc.

27.—(1) This section applies —

- (a) where a right to the estate of any person who dies (whether before, on or after the date of commencement of section 2 of the Civil Law (Amendment) Act 2012) intestate without next-of-kin has accrued to the Government; or
- (b) where a right to the property of any person who dies (whether before, on or after the date of commencement of section 2 of the Civil Law (Amendment) Act 2012) has accrued to the Government as a result of disposal under such written law as the Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, prescribe for the purposes of this section.

(2) Where a right to any estate or property upon the death of a person as mentioned in subsection (1) has accrued to the Government, such estate, property or part thereof that is not land, or where such estate or property or part thereof is land and that land is sold, its proceeds, shall form part of the Consolidated Fund.

(3) If it appears to the Minister that a right to any estate or property upon the death of a person as mentioned in subsection (1) has accrued to the Government, it shall be lawful for the Minister, upon application being made to him or if he considers it reasonable to do so, by warrant under his hand —

- (a) to disclaim and release in whole or in part that right to such estate or property in favour of such person or