

Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act 1999
(No. 18 of 1999)

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REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 15th April 1999 and assented to by the President on 30th April 1999:—

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1999

(No. 18 of 1999)

I assent.

ONG TENG CHEONG,
President.
30th April 1999.

Date of Commencement: 14th May 1999

An Act to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218 of the 1995 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to the Presidential Elections Act (Chapter 240A of the 1992 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 Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act 1999 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Parliamentary Elections Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of "polling district", the following definition:

“ “principal election agent” means an election agent of a candidate in a group who has been appointed under section 62(5) as the principal election agent for that group;”.

Amendment of section 13

3. Section 13 (4) of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (a).

Amendment of section 40

4. Section 40 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(4) The official mark for the authentication of ballot papers shall comprise a pattern, design, watermark or logo approved by the Returning Officer which shall be affixed, stamped, overprinted or marked (by writing or otherwise), or any combination thereof, on the ballot paper in a particular manner approved by the Returning Officer.”.

Amendment of section 42

5. Section 42 (2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "be stamped on the back or perforated with the official mark" in the 4th and 5th lines and substituting the words ", unless it already bears the complete official mark for the authentication of ballot papers, be affixed, stamped or marked (by writing or otherwise) by the presiding officer in the approved manner with that official mark or the remaining part thereof".

Amendment of section 49

6. Section 49 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) Subject to subsection (2), counting agents for any candidate nominated for an electoral division other than a group representation constituency may be appointed either by the candidate or his election agent only, and counting agents for any group of candidates nominated for a group representation constituency may be appointed either by the election agent of any candidate in the group or the principal election agent for that group only.

(2) Not more than one counting agent may be appointed for a candidate or group of candidates to attend the counting of votes at each counting place specified in the direction made under section 48A(1).”.

Amendment of section 50