

**Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act 1988  
(No. 10 of 1988)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 18th May 1988 and assented to by the President on 28th May 1988:—

# PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1988

(No. 10 of 1988)

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I assent.

WEE KIM WEE  
*President.*  
28th May 1988.

## Date of Commencement: 1st June 1988

An Act to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218 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 Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act 1988 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 “general election”, the following definitions:

““group” means any group of 3 candidates nominated for any election in any group representation constituency in accordance with section 27B;

“group representation constituency” means any electoral division declared to be a group representation constituency under section 8A(1)(a);”.

### New section 8A

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 8, the following section:

## **“Group representation constituencies**

**8A.**—(1) For the purposes of electing Members of Parliament on a group basis to ensure the representation in Parliament of Members from the Malay, Indian and other minority communities under this Act, the President shall, subject to this section, by order published in the *Gazette* —

- (a) declare any electoral division, having regard to the number of electors in that division, to be a group representation constituency; and
- (b) designate every group representation constituency as —
  - (i) a constituency where at least one of the 3 candidates in every group shall be a person belonging to the Malay community; or
  - (ii) a constituency where at least one of the 3 candidates in every group shall be a person belonging to the Indian or other minority communities.

(2) The number of Members to be returned by all group representation constituencies shall not be less than one-quarter or more than one-half of the total number of Members to be returned at a general election under section 22.

(3) The number of group representation constituencies to be designated under subsection (1)(b)(i) shall be three-fifths of the total number of group representation constituencies; and where that number is not a whole number, it shall be rounded to the next higher whole number.”.

## **Repeal and re-enactment of section 22**

4. Section 22 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

### **“Number of Members to be returned for each electoral division and group representation constituency**

**22.**—(1) Subject to subsection (2), each electoral division shall return one Member to serve in Parliament.

(2) Each group representation constituency shall return 3 Members to serve in Parliament.”.

## **Amendment of section 24**

5. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(2A) In respect of any group representation constituency, no writ shall be issued under subsection (1) for an election to fill any vacancy unless all the Members for that constituency have vacated their seats in Parliament.”.

### **New sections 27A, 27B and 27C**

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 27, the following sections:

#### **“Election of Members on a group basis in group representation constituencies**

**27A.**—(1) In every general election of Members and the election of Members to supply vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, the Members for any group representation constituency shall be elected in accordance with this Act subject to the modifications in this section.

(2) All elections in any group representation constituency shall be held on a basis of a group of 3 candidates.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), any group that desires to contest in any election in any group representation constituency shall consist of 3 candidates, all of whom shall either be members of the same political party standing for such election for that political party or be independent candidates standing as a group.

(4) Where any group representation constituency is —

- (a) a constituency designated under section 8A(1)(b) (i), at least one of the 3 candidates in every group shall be a person belonging to the Malay community; or
- (b) a constituency designated under section 8A(1)(b) (ii), at least one of the 3 candidates in every group shall be a person belonging to the Indian or other minority communities.

(5) At any time after the date of the notice of the writ referred to in section 25 and at least two clear days before the day of nomination, any person —

- (a) belonging to the Malay community who desires to contest as such a person in any election in any constituency designated under section 8A(1)(b) (i); or
- (b) belonging to the Indian or other minority communities who desires to contest as such a person in any election in any constituency designated under section 8A(1)(b) (ii),

shall apply in the prescribed manner to the appropriate Committee for a certificate in the prescribed form which shall certify whether the applicant is a person