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# **Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Bill**

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**Bill No. 27/2017.**

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A BILL

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An Act to amend the Administration of Muslim Law Act (Chapter 3 of the 2009 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 is the Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

## **5 Repeal of section 8**

2. Section 8 of the Administration of Muslim Law Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is repealed.

## **Amendment of section 21**

3. Section 21 of the principal Act is amended —

10 (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) The Majlis must ensure that minutes of every meeting are kept in the national language or in English.”; and

15 (b) by deleting the words “shall be entered in the minute book of the Majlis and” in subsection (3).

## **Amendment of section 34B**

4. Section 34B of the principal Act is amended —

20 (a) by deleting the words “a deputy registrar” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “one or more deputy registrars”;

(b) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) The registrar of the Court —

25 (a) may transact all of the business which may be transacted, and exercise all of the jurisdiction and powers which may be exercised, by a president of the Court under sections 40, 43A, 43B, 47(5) and 50; and

- (b) has such other jurisdiction, powers and duties as may be prescribed in this Act or under any rules made under section 145.”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “Subject to this Act, the” in subsection (3), the word “jurisdiction,”; and 5
- (d) by deleting the words “the deputy registrar” in subsection (3) and substituting the words “a deputy registrar”.

### **Amendment of section 35**

#### **5. Section 35 of the principal Act is amended — 10**

- (a) by deleting the word “The” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “Subject to subsection (2A), the”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:
  - “(2A) Where any action or proceeding mentioned in subsection (2) is commenced on or after the date of commencement of section 5(b) of the Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Act 2017, the Court has jurisdiction under that subsection to hear and determine that action or proceeding only if either 15
  - party to the marriage —
  - (a) is domiciled in Singapore at the time that action or proceeding is commenced; or
  - (b) is habitually resident in Singapore for a period of at least 3 years immediately before that action or proceeding is commenced.”; and 25
- (c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:
  - “(4) For the purposes of subsection (2A), a person who is a citizen of Singapore is presumed to be domiciled in Singapore, until the contrary is proved.”. 30