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Parliamentary Pensions (Abolition) Bill

Bill No. 18/2012.

Read the first time on 13th August 2012.

PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS (ABOLITION) ACT 2012

(No. of 2012)

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A BILL

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An Act to provide that service as Members of Parliament and as holders of ministerial and other offices after 20th May 2011 cease to be reckonable for the grant of pensions and gratuities under the Parliamentary Pensions Act (Chapter 219 of the 1996 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to that Act, to provide for the eventual repeal of that Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other written laws.

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Pensions (Abolition) Act 2012 and shall, with the exception of sections 7 and 8 and the Schedule, be deemed to have come into operation on 21st May 2011.

(2) Sections 7 and 8 and the Schedule shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

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

“Member of Parliament” means —

- (a) an elected Member of Parliament within the meaning of Article 39(1)(a) of the Constitution;
- (b) a non-constituency Member within the meaning of Article 39(1)(b) of the Constitution; or
- (c) a nominated Member within the meaning of Article 39(1)(c) of the Constitution;

“office” means the office of —

- (a) the Prime Minister;
- (b) a Deputy Prime Minister;
- (c) the Speaker;
- (d) a Senior Minister or a Minister;
- (e) a Senior Minister of State or a Minister of State;
- (f) a Mayor;
- (g) a Senior Parliamentary Secretary or a Parliamentary Secretary; or
- (h) a Political Secretary.

No parliamentary pension, etc., for service on or after 21st May 2011

3. No pension or gratuity shall be granted under the Parliamentary Pensions Act (Cap. 219) to any person in respect of —

- (a) any service on or after 21st May 2011 in Parliament as a Member of Parliament; or
- (b) any service on or after 21st May 2011 in any office.

No parliamentary pension, etc., granted unless service ceases

4.—(1) No pension or gratuity shall be granted on or after 21st May 2011 under the Parliamentary Pensions Act (Cap. 219) to any person in respect of any service in Parliament as a Member of Parliament unless the person — 5

- (a) has not less than the minimum number of years of reckonable service specified in section 3 of that Act to be eligible for a pension under that section; and 10
- (b) has ceased at any time thereafter to be a Member of Parliament.

(2) No pension or gratuity shall be granted on or after 21st May 2011 under the Parliamentary Pensions Act to any person in respect of any service in any office unless the person — 15

- (a) has not less than the minimum number of years of reckonable service specified in section 4 of that Act to be eligible for a pension under that section; and
- (b) has ceased at any time thereafter to be the holder of any office. 20

(3) Where any pension is granted before 21st May 2011 to any office-holding Member under section 4 of the Parliamentary Pensions Act by virtue of section 5 of that Act, payment of that pension as a full or reduced pension shall stop on or after 21st May 2011 and cease to be payable to that office-holding Member for the period that he remains an office-holding Member and any such pension paid in contravention of this subsection shall be immediately refunded to the Pension Fund; except that at the end of that period when he so ceases to hold office — 25

- (a) all that full or reduced pension which would have been payable, if not for this subsection, between 21st May 2011 and the date he so ceases to hold office (both dates inclusive) shall then be payable in a lump sum (without interest); and 30