

Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill

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Bill No. 4/2010

Read the first time on 11th March 2010.

An Act to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218 of the 2007 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 2010 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 13

2. Section 13(3) of the Parliamentary Elections Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “provisions of the Constitution,” the words “or on being informed by the Registrar-General of Births and Deaths that any person is dead,”.

Amendment of section 14

3. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting “\$100” in subsection (4) and substituting the words “\$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both”; and
- (b) by deleting “\$200” in subsection (6) and substituting the words “\$1,500 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 9 months or to both”.

Amendment of section 21

4. Section 21 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting “\$100” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “\$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “3 years” in subsection (4) and substituting the words “12 months”.

Amendment of section 21A

5. Section 21A(4) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “\$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months” and substituting the words “\$1,500 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 9 months”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 26

6. Section 26 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Failure of election

26.—(1) Whenever an election in any electoral division wholly fails, a fresh writ may be issued by the President at any time for the holding of an election in that electoral division, except that where the election in an electoral division has

failed because of the death of a candidate after the election has been reported as contested but before polling day, then section 34(8) and (9) or 34A(8) and (8A), as the case may be, shall apply.

(2) The original writ for an election in any electoral division that has wholly failed and everything done in connection with the election for the electoral division because of that writ shall be of no effect.

(3) Where a fresh writ is issued under subsection (1), sections 24 and 25 shall apply to that writ.

(4) For the purposes of this Act, an election shall have wholly failed if —

- (a) in the case of an election in a group representation constituency, no group of candidates is nominated or returned as elected for that constituency; or
- (b) in the case of any other electoral division, no candidate is nominated or returned as elected for that electoral division.”.

Amendment of section 28

7. Section 28(3) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “a candidate for election”, the words “, if an election in an electoral division has wholly failed”.

Amendment of section 34

8. Section 34 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (d) of subsection (6) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(d) the date on which the poll will be taken, the date being not earlier than the 10th day, and not later than the 56th day, after the date of publication of the notice in the *Gazette* (referred to in this Act as polling day);”;

- (b) by deleting the words “for the election” in subsection (8)(b) and substituting the words “, time and place for the nomination of candidates for election, at least 4 clear days before the fresh date fixed for such nomination”.

Amendment of section 34A