

# **Land Titles (Amendment) Bill**

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#### **Bill No. 8/2003**

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An Act to amend the Land Titles Act (Chapter 157 of the 1994 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 Land Titles (Amendment) Act 2003 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### **Amendment of section 4**

**2.** Section 4(1) of the Land Titles Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “Act” in the definition of “approved form”, the words “and includes an electronic form produced by making an electronic copy, image or reproduction of a written instrument”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “dealing”, the following definition:

““electronic instrument” means an instrument in an electronic form;”.

#### **Amendment of section 26**

3. Section 26(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “in the approved form” in the 3rd and 4th lines, the words “together with any deed, conveyance or instrument affecting the land”.

#### **New section 51A**

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 51, the following section:

##### **“Lodgment of instrument in electronic form**

**51A.**—(1) Subject to this section, an instrument may be lodged in such electronic form as may be approved by the Registrar.

(2) No person shall lodge an instrument in electronic form unless he is authorised by the Registrar to do so.

(3) Every instrument lodged in electronic form under this section shall be completed in such manner as may be required by the Registrar.

(4) Where an instrument is lodged in electronic form under this section —

- (a) it shall be the duty of the person who certifies the correctness of the instrument under section 59 to ensure that all particulars entered therein are complete and accurate; and
- (b) the Registrar shall not be concerned to enquire into the completeness or accuracy of the particulars as entered in the instrument and shall, on acceptance of the instrument so lodged, register the instrument in accordance with those particulars.”.

#### **Amendment of section 52**

5. Section 52 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Every mortgage, charge or lease presented for registration need not be lodged in duplicate except for a lease to be comprised in a manual folio.”.

#### **Amendment of section 57**

6. Section 57 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “The Registrar shall” in the 1st line of subsection (1) and substituting the words “Subject to subsection (3), the Registrar shall”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection: