

National Council of Social Service (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 22nd May 2000.

An Act to amend the National Council of Social Service Act (Chapter 195A of the 1993 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 National Council of Social Service (Amendment) Act 2000 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 National Council of Social Service Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Board”, the following definition:

“ “Board member” means any person appointed or elected to the Board under section 5(1);”;

- (b) by deleting the definition of “chief executive officer” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Chief Executive Officer” means the Chief Executive Officer of the Council appointed under section 22(1);”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Council”, the following definition:

“ “Council member” means any organisation or person granted membership of the Council under section 15;”;

- (d) by deleting the definition of “member”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 5

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Board of Council

5.—(1) The management of the affairs of the Council and of its properties shall be vested in a Board which shall consist of the following members:

- (a) a President to be appointed by the Minister;
- (b) 2 Vice-Presidents —
 - (i) one of whom is to be a person elected at the annual general meeting of the Council from among the Council members; and
 - (ii) the other of whom is to be a person appointed by the Minister in consultation with the President;
- (c) an Honorary General Secretary to be appointed by the President;
- (d) an Honorary Treasurer to be appointed by the President;
- (e) the Chairman of the Community Chest;
- (f) 5 persons to be appointed by the President;
- (g) 8 persons, each from a different full Council member referred to in section 15(1)(a), to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Council;
- (h) 2 persons, each from a different associate Council member referred to in section 15(1)(b), to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Council;
- (i) the Director of Social Welfare or his representative; and

(j) the Director of Medical Services or his representative.

(2) The President and the Vice-President appointed under subsection (1)(b)(ii) shall each hold office for such term not exceeding 2 years as the Minister thinks fit and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(3) The Vice-President elected under subsection (1)(b)(i) shall hold office for a term of 2 years and shall be eligible for re-election, except that no person shall be elected under subsection (1)(b)(i) to hold office as Vice-President for more than 3 consecutive terms.

(4) The Honorary General Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall each hold office for such term not exceeding 2 years as the President thinks fit and shall be eligible for reappointment, except that no person shall be appointed to hold office as Honorary Treasurer for more than 2 consecutive terms.

(5) A Board member appointed under subsection (1)(f) shall hold office for a term not exceeding 2 years as the President thinks fit and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(6) A Board member elected under subsection (1)(g) or (h) shall hold office for a term of 2 years and shall be eligible for re-election, except that no person shall be elected under subsection (1)(g) or (h) to hold office as a Board member for more than 3 consecutive terms.

(7) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of the President or the Vice-President appointed under subsection (1)(b)(ii) without assigning any reason.

(8) If for reason of illness, leave of absence or other cause, the President is unable to exercise his powers and perform his functions under this Act or any regulations made thereunder —

(a) one of the Vice-Presidents as determined by the Board; or

(b) if both the Vice-Presidents are unable to do so, any other Board member as determined by the Board with the approval of the Minister,

shall act as the President and shall exercise the powers and perform the functions of the President.

(9) The office of any Board member shall be vacated if he —

(a) is adjudicated a bankrupt; or

(b) has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty, fraud or

moral turpitude.

(10) No person who is an employee of the Council or of a full or associate Council member shall —

- (a) be elected or appointed as a Board member; or
- (b) nominate or second the nomination of any person for election to the Board.”.

Amendment of section 6

4. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) All Board members shall have the right to vote on any issue at the meetings of the Council and of the Board, except in relation to the election of Board members under section 5(1)(b)(i), (g) and (h).”.

Amendment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “member of the Board or a member of the Council” in the 1st and 2nd lines of subsection (1) and substituting the words “Board member, Council member or official representative of a Council member”;
- (b) by deleting the words “the member” in the 5th line of subsection (1) and substituting the words “such member or official representative, as the case may be,”; and
- (c) by deleting the words “of its members” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “Board member, Council member or official representative of a Council member”.

Amendment of section 10

6. Section 10(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) to provide leadership and direction to the volunteer movement and co-ordinate social service activities between Council members and with other organisations;”;