

National Library Board Bill

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An Act to establish and incorporate the National Library Board, to transfer to it the National Library and to repeal the National Library Act (Chapter 197 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and the Printers and Publishers Act (Chapter 246 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and for matters connected therewith.

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the National Library Board Act 1995 and 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 —

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“Board” means the National Library Board established under section 3;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board and includes any temporary Chairman of the Board;

“chief executive officer” means the chief executive officer of the Board and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“Deputy Chairman” means the Deputy Chairman of the Board and includes any temporary Deputy Chairman of the Board;

“Fund” means the National Library Board Endowment Fund established under section 23;

“library information service” means any information service provided and managed in conjunction with a library or library service;

“library materials” means —

(a) any printed book, periodical, newspaper, pamphlet, musical score, map, chart, plan, picture, photograph, print and any other printed matter; and

(b) any film (including a microfilm and a microfiche), negative, tape,

disc, sound track and any other device in which one or more visual images, sounds or other data are embodied so as to be capable (with or without the aid of some other equipment) of being reproduced from it;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“printed”, in relation to books, means produced by printing, lithography, duplication or any other like process, and “printer” has a corresponding meaning;

“publicly-funded libraries” means all libraries owned by the Government or any statutory body and such other libraries which are, directly or indirectly, funded by the Government (whether fully or partially) as the Board may determine;

“published in Singapore” means produced and released in Singapore for sale or public distribution;

“publisher” means any person who arranges for any library material to be published in Singapore.

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF BOARD

Establishment of National Library Board

3. There shall be established a body to be known as the National Library Board which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and shall, by that name, be capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding, developing and disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering all such acts or things as bodies corporate may lawfully do or suffer.

Common seal

4.—(1) The Board shall have a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Board thinks fit.

(2) All deeds and other documents requiring the seal of the Board shall be sealed with