

Revised Edition of the Laws (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Revised Edition of the Laws Act (Chapter 275 of the 1985 Revised Edition), and to repeal Part V of the Interpretation Act (Chapter 1 of the 1985 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 Revised Edition of the Laws (Amendment) Act 1994 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 3

2. Section 3 of the Revised Edition of the Laws Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) The President may appoint a Law Revision Commission comprising, as Law Revision Commissioners —

- (a) the Attorney-General;
- (b) the Solicitor-General;
- (c) the Parliamentary Counsel; and
- (d) such other persons as may be appointed by the President,

to prepare and publish a revised edition of Acts and a revised edition of subsidiary legislation and to make an annual revision thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(1A) Every Commissioner appointed under subsection (1)(d) shall hold office for such period not exceeding 3 years as the President may determine and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(1B) The President may at any time revoke the appointment of any Commissioner appointed under subsection (1)(d).”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 10

3. Section 10 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Annual revision of revised edition of Acts

10.—(1) As soon as practicable after 1st January of the year in which the revised edition of Acts comes into force and thereafter after 1st January of each succeeding year, the Commissioners shall, subject to this section and with the intent that the revised edition of Acts shall be annually revised, cause to be published —

- (a) a revised edition of any Act which has been amended during the period of 12 months ending on the preceding 31st December (referred to in this section as the relevant period);
- (b) any new Act enacted during the relevant period, other than Acts the sole or substantial effect of which was to amend other Acts;
- (c) either separately or together with any other such enactment or instrument, a new revised edition of any treaty or convention and other instruments already included in the revised edition of Acts which has been amended during the relevant period;
- (d) such treaties, conventions and other instruments enacted, made or agreed to during the relevant period as they consider may usefully be published; and
- (e) a new table of contents and index to the revised edition of Acts, a chronological table of Acts and a list of the latest edition of each booklet containing an Act included in the revised edition of Acts and, in the case of Acts which have been published or revised in loose-leaf form, a lists of such Acts and the pages thereof which have been revised.

(2) The Commissioners may from time to time cause to be published a new revised edition of any Act, treaty, convention or other instrument which has not been amended during the relevant period.

(3) Where the Commissioners consider that the amendments that have been made to any Act, treaty, convention or other instrument during the relevant period are not sufficiently extensive to justify the preparation and publication of a new revised edition thereof, they may defer the preparation and publication of such revised edition until such time as they consider that it is necessary or expedient to do so.

(4) The Commissioners may from time to time cause to be prepared and published a new revised edition of any Act, treaty, convention or other instrument if they consider that any amendments which have been made thereto are sufficiently extensive to justify the immediate preparation and publication of such