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An Act to amend the Hindu Endowments Act (Chapter 364 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 Hindu Endowments (Amendment) Act 1992 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 5

2. Section 5 of the Hindu Endowments Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) a Vice-Chairman;
- (c) a Finance member; and
- (d) not less than 8 and not more than 12 other members,

all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.”; and

(b) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) The members of the Board shall be eligible for reappointment except that a Finance member shall not be appointed for more than two consecutive terms as a Finance member but may, at the end of the second consecutive term, be appointed in any capacity in the Board except as a Finance member.”.

Amendment of section 11

3. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the word “Chairman” in subsection (1), the words “and in his absence the Vice-Chairman”;

(b) by deleting the words “In his absence” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman,”; and

(c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(4) The proceedings of the Board shall be secret and no member or employee thereof shall disclose or divulge to any person, other than the Minister or any person authorised by the Minister or any member of the Board, any fact or matter which has been disclosed or arisen at any meeting unless he is authorised by the Board in writing or he is ordered by a court to do so.”.

Amendment of section 12

4. Section 12 (1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “4 members” and substituting the words “7 members”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 14

5. Section 14 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Duties and powers of Secretary and Finance member

14.—(1) Subject to such directions as may be given to him by the Chairman, the Secretary of the Board shall have charge of all correspondence and documents of the Board, including all title deeds, and shall in all other respects carry out such duties as may be imposed upon him by this Act or allotted to him by direction of the Board.

(2) The Finance member shall have charge of all books of account of the Board and shall be responsible for the proper collection of, accounting for and disposal of all funds of the Board.”.

New sections 15A and 15B

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 15, the following sections:

“Appointment of committees

15A.—(1) The Board may from time to time appoint committees, other than a committee of management referred to in section 18, consisting of one or more persons (whether members of the Board or not) for the purpose of advancing its objectives.

(2) The Board may define and vary the terms of reference of such committees