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An Act to amend the Small Claims Tribunals Act (Chapter 308 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 Small Claims Tribunals (Amendment) Act 1992 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 13

2. Section 13 of the Small Claims Tribunals Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(4) The record of a tribunal relating to any claim shall be kept for a period of one year after the date of the order made by the tribunal in relation to the claim or, where there is an appeal against the order to the High Court, one year after the conclusion of the appeal.”.

Amendment of section 17

3. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Settlement by” in the marginal note and substituting the words “Powers of”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsections:

“(3) Where at the consultation the Registrar is of the opinion that a claim or counterclaim lodged is outside the jurisdiction of a tribunal, he shall discontinue the proceedings and advise the claimant and respondent accordingly.

(4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Registrar made under subsection (3) may within one month appeal to a tribunal which may make an order confirming, reversing or varying the decision of the Registrar.

(5) If a claimant fails to appear at the consultation, by himself or by a representative pursuant to section 21(2), the Registrar may make an order dismissing the claim or, where there is a counterclaim