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An Act to amend the Wills Act (Chapter 352 of 1985 Revised Edition) to provide for the formal validity of wills and to restrict the operation of section 9 of that Act.

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 Wills (Amendment) Act 1992 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 Wills Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “will”, the following definition:

“ “internal law”, in relation to any territory or state, means the law which would apply in a case where no question of the law in force in any other territory or state arose;” and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “personal estate” and substituting a semicolon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

“ “state” means a territory or group of territories having its own law of nationality.”.

New section 4A

3. The Wills Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 4, the following section:

“Rules as to formal validity

4A.—(1) This section shall take effect notwithstanding any other sections of this Act.

(2) A will shall be treated as properly executed if its execution conformed to the internal law in force —

(a) in the territory where it was executed;

(b) in the territory where the testator was domiciled at the time —

(i) when the will was executed; or

(ii) of his death;

(c) in the territory where the testator habitually resided at either of the times referred to in paragraph (b); or