

Constitution (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 5th March 1979.

An Act to amend the Constitution of Singapore.

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 1979.

Amendment of Article 2

2. Clause (1) of Article 2 of the Constitution of Singapore is amended by deleting the words “born in Malaya” therein.

Amendment of Article 52B

3. Article 52B of the Constitution of Singapore is amended by inserting, immediately after clause (2) thereof, the following clause: —

“(3) In order to facilitate the disposal of business in the Supreme Court, the President, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister, may appoint a person qualified for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court to be a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court in accordance with Article 52C of this Constitution for such period or periods as the President thinks fit; and a Judicial Commissioner so appointed may, in respect of such class or classes of cases as the Chief Justice may specify, exercise the powers and perform the functions of a Judge of the Supreme Court. Anything done by a Judicial Commissioner when acting in accordance with the terms of his appointment shall have the same validity and effect as if done by a Judge of that Court and, in respect thereof, he shall have the same powers and enjoy the same immunities as if he had been a Judge of that Court.”.

Amendment of Article 52C

4. Clause (3) of Article 52C of the Constitution of Singapore is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “clause (2)” in the third line thereof, the words “and to the appointment of a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court under clause (3)”.

Amendment of Article 52E

5. Article 52E of the Constitution of Singapore is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “Supreme Court” in the second line thereof, the words “or designated to sit as a Judge of the Supreme Court under clause (2) of Article 52B or appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court under clause (3) of Article 52B of this Constitution”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “and allegiance” in the fifth line thereof.

New Article 60A

6. The Constitution of Singapore is amended by inserting, immediately after Article 60 thereof, the following Article: —

“Renunciation of citizenship

60A.—(1) Any citizen of Singapore of or over the age of twenty-one years and of sound mind who is also or is about to become a citizen of another country may renounce his citizenship of Singapore by declaration registered by the Government, and shall upon such registration cease to be a citizen of Singapore.

(2) The Government may withhold the registration of a declaration under this Article —

- (a) if the declaration is made during any war in which Singapore is engaged; or
- (b) if the declaration is made by a person subject to the Enlistment Act (Cap. 229) unless he has —
 - (i) discharged his liability for full-time service under section 12 of that Act;
 - (ii) rendered at least three years of reserve service under section 13 of that Act in lieu of such full-time service; or
 - (iii) complied with such conditions as may be determined by the Government.

(3) This Article applies to a woman under the age of twenty-one years who has been married as it applies to a person of or over that age.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of Article 90

7. Article 90 of the Constitution of Singapore is repealed and the following substituted