

Architects Bill

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Bill No. 11/1976

Read the first time on 23rd July 1976.

An Act to provide for the registration of architects and to regulate the qualifications and practice of architects; and to repeal the Architects Act (Chapter 213 of the Revised Edition).

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Architects Act, 1976, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Board of Architects established under section 3;

“building authority” means the Assistant Director (Building Control) of the Public Works Department and any other person required under the provisions of any written law to approve building plans;

“registered architect” means a person registered as an architect under this Act;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of the Board.

PART II

BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

Establishment of Board of Architects

3.—(1) There shall be a Board to be called the “Board of Architects” which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued.

(2) The Board shall consist of the following members: —

- (a) a President to be appointed by the Minister;
- (b) the Assistant Director (Building Control) of the Public Works Department;
- (c) an architect of the Public Works Department to be appointed by the Minister;
- (d) the Head of the School of Architecture, University of Singapore;
- (e) four registered architects of at least five years’ standing in Singapore to be appointed by the Minister, two of whom shall be appointed on the nomination of the Singapore Institute of Architects; and
- (f) one professional engineer to be appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Professional Engineers Board.

(3) The President and members of the Board under paragraphs (c), (e) and (f) of subsection (2) shall be appointed for a term not exceeding three years but may from time to time be re-appointed, and may at any time be removed from office by the Minister.

(4) If any appointed member of the Board dies, resigns, or is removed from office, the vacancy so created shall as soon as practicable be filled in the manner in which the appointment to the vacant office was made; and every person so appointed shall hold office for the residue of the term for which his predecessor was appointed.

(5) The powers of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof.

(6) At any meeting of the Board five members thereof shall form a quorum and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.

(7) At any meeting of the Board the President of the Board shall preside and in his absence the members present shall elect one of their number to preside over the meeting.

(8) If on any question to be determined by the Board there is an equality of votes, the President of the Board or the member presiding over that meeting shall have a casting vote.

(9) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may determine its own procedure.

(10) The Board shall cause proper records of its proceedings to be kept.

Common seal of the Board

4.—(1) The common seal of the Board shall bear such device as the Board may approve and such seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered or made anew by the Board as it may think fit.

(2) The common seal shall be kept in the custody of the President of the Board and shall be authenticated by the President of the Board or other member acting in the absence of the President of the Board and any document purporting to be sealed by the said seal and authenticated as aforesaid shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be validly executed.

Functions of the Board

5. The functions of the Board shall be —

- (a) to keep and maintain a register of architects;
- (b) to hold or arrange for the holding of such examinations as the Board considers necessary for the purpose of enabling persons to qualify for registration under this Act;
- (c) to determine and regulate the professional conduct and ethics of the architectural profession;
- (d) to hear and determine disputes relating to professional conduct or ethics of registered architects or to appoint a committee or arbitrator to hear and determine such disputes;
- (e) to appoint arbitrators for the purpose of hearing and determining disputes between registered architects and other persons; and
- (f) generally to do all such acts, matters and things as are necessary to be carried out under the provisions of this Act.

PART III

REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS

Register

6. The Board shall keep and maintain a register of architects in which shall be entered