

Science Centre Bill

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An Act to establish a Science Centre Board and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Science Centre Act, 1970, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Interpretation

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

“Board” means the Science Centre Board to be established under section 3 of this Act;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board appointed under section 4 of this Act and includes any temporary Chairman so appointed;

“Deputy Chairman” means the Deputy Chairman of the Board appointed under section 4 of this Act and includes any temporary Deputy Chairman so appointed;

“financial year” means a period of twelve months beginning on the 1st day of April in any year:

Provided that for the year 1970 the financial year shall mean the period between the date of the establishment of the Board and the 31st day of March 1971;

“Science Centre” means the Science Centre established under section 5 of this Act.

Establishment of a Science Centre Board

3.—(1) There shall be established in accordance with the provisions of this Act a body to be called the “Science Centre Board”.

(2) The Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire, hold or dispose of property, both movable and immovable, to enter into contracts, to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

Constitution of the Board

4.—(1) The Board shall consist of —

(a) a Chairman;

(b) a Deputy Chairman; and

(c) not less than seven but not more than fifteen other members,

all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the members of the Board appointed by the Minister shall hold office for such term and subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine.

(3) The Minister may appoint any person to be a temporary member of the Board during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary absence from Singapore, of any member of the Board.

(4) The Minister may appoint any member of the Board to be a temporary Chairman or temporary Deputy Chairman during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary absence from Singapore, of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, as case may be.

(5) The Minister may, at any time, accept the resignation of any member of the Board appointed by him.

(6) The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and any other member of the Board.

(7) The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership.

Duties of the Board

5. It shall be the duty of the Board to establish and maintain a Science Centre for the purpose of —

- (a) exhibiting objects illustrative of the physical sciences, life sciences, applied sciences, technology and industry; and
- (b) promoting the dissemination of knowledge in science and technology.

Powers of the Board

6. The Board shall have power for the discharge of its duties under section 5 of this Act —

- (a) to carry on all activities, the carrying on of which appears to the Board to be necessary, advantageous or convenient for or in connection with the discharge of its said duties;
- (b) to promote the carrying on of any such activities by other bodies or persons;
- (c) to carry on such activities in association with other bodies or persons including the departments of the Government;