

# **Singapore National Referendum Ordinance**

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### Singapore National Referendum Ordinance

#### Bill No. 156/1961

*Read the first time on 27th November 1961.*

An Ordinance to provide for the holding of a national referendum and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows: —

#### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

#### Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Singapore National Referendum Ordinance, 1961.

#### Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance —

“elector” means a person whose name is entered as an elector in a register of electors prepared under the provisions of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance (Cap. 53);

“referendum” means the submission to the electors of any matter by an order of the Yang di-Pertuan Negara made in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of section 5 of this Ordinance;

“Superintendent” means the Superintendent appointed under section 3 of this Ordinance;

“voter” means a person who, whether his name does or does not appear in a register of electors prepared under the provisions of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance, applies to vote or votes at a referendum.

### **Appointment of officers**

3.—(1) The Minister may appoint a Superintendent and such Assistant Superintendents as he may from time to time think fit.

(2) An Assistant Superintendent shall have all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Superintendent and any reference in this Ordinance to the Superintendent shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to an Assistant Superintendent.

(3) An appointment made by the Minister under this section may be revoked by him at any time.

### **Appointment of clerks and interpreters**

4. The Superintendent may from time to time appoint such numbers of clerks and interpreters as may be necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance and such appointments may be revoked at any time.

## **PART II**

### **REFERENDUM**

#### **Order for referendum to be taken**

5.—(1) Whenever the Yang di-Pertuan Negara considers that it is in the public interest to do so he may by order direct that any matter be submitted to the electors for a referendum.

(2) Where a matter is submitted to the electors for a referendum, the vote shall be given in such manner as is prescribed in this Ordinance.

#### **Notification of referendum**

6. On the Yang di-Pertuan Negara issuing the order referred to in section 5 of this Ordinance, the Minister shall notify in the *Gazette* the date of the referendum at least seven days before the day fixed for such referendum.