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PUBLIC ORDER ACT (CHAPTER 257A)

PUBLIC ORDER (ELECTION MEETINGS IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 47 of the Public Order Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Public Order (Election Meetings in Presidential Elections) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 26 June 2020.

Amendment of regulation 1

2. Regulation 1 of the Public Order (Election Meetings in Presidential Elections) Regulations 2017 (G.N. No. S 273/2017) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the words "Election Meetings", the words "and Processions".

Amendment of regulation 2

- **3.** Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the words "election meetings)", the words "and public processions (called in these Regulations election processions)";
 - (b) by deleting the words "nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Presidential Elections Act (Cap. 240A) for election as President" in paragraph (a);
 - (c) by deleting the words "under that Act" in paragraph (a);

- (d) by deleting the words "under the Presidential Elections Act" in paragraph (b);
- (e) by deleting the words "that Act" in paragraph (b) and substituting the words "the Presidential Elections Act (Cap. 240A)";
- (f) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (b) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
 - "(c) a public procession (whether or not involving the use of vehicles or other conveyances) organised by or on behalf of a candidate, and held at any time on or after nomination day but before the eve of polling day of a presidential election
 - (i) to promote or procure the electoral success at the presidential election for one or more identifiable candidates; or
 - (ii) to otherwise enhance the standing of any such candidates with the electorate in connection with the election."; and
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the words "election meetings" in the regulation heading, the words "and processions".

Amendment of regulation 3

- **4.** Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the definition of "advance notice" and substituting the following definitions:
 - ""advance notice", in relation to an election meeting or election procession, means notice of intention to organise the election meeting or election procession (as the case may be) required by section 6 of the Act, and

includes the accompanying application for a permit for that meeting or procession, as the case may be;

"appropriate form", in relation to any purpose for which a specific form is required by these Regulations to be used, means the relevant form that —

- (a) is provided by the Commissioner; or
- (b) is set out on the Commissioner's Internet website at http://www.police.gov.sg/e-services in relation to an advance notice; and any reference in these Regulations to a numbered form is a reference to the current version of the form bearing the corresponding number which is displayed at the website;"; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "polling day", the following definition:
 - ""presidential election" means an election under the Presidential Elections Act;".

Amendment of regulation 5

5. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words "election meeting" wherever they appear in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4), the words "or election procession".

Amendment of regulation 6

6. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the word "conditions" in the regulation heading, the words "for election meeting".