

**People's Association Act  
(CHAPTER 227)**

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**PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION ACT**

**(CHAPTER 227)**

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An Act to incorporate the People's Association for promoting community recreation in Singapore and for matters incidental thereto.

[1st July 1960]

**Short title**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the People's Association Act.

**Establishment and incorporation of People's Association**

**2.—(1)** There is hereby constituted a corporation to be known as the People's Association (referred to in this Act as the Association).

**(2)** The Association shall have perpetual succession and a common seal.

**(3)** The Association may sue and be sued in its corporate name and perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

**Powers of Association to be vested in Board of Management**

3. The powers of the Association and the management and control of the Association and of its property and affairs shall be vested in a Board of Management (referred to in this Act as the Board).

### **Constitution of Association**

4.—(1) The Association shall consist of —

- (a) the Prime Minister as Chairman;
- (b) a Minister to be appointed by the Chairman as Deputy Chairman;
- (c) 8 members to be appointed by the Chairman; and
- (d) one member to be appointed by the Chairman in consultation with each of the organisations mentioned in the Schedule.

(2) All letters of appointment to the persons mentioned in subsection (1)(b), (c) and (d) shall be issued by the Chairman, who may revoke any appointment at any time without assigning any reason.

(3) Members of the Association appointed by the Chairman in accordance with subsection (1)(b), (c) and (d) shall —

- (a) hold office for a period of 3 years from the dates of their respective appointments; and
- (b) be eligible for reappointment on completion of that period.

(4) There shall be a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be a person appointed by the Chairman from among the members appointed under subsection (1)(c).

(5) The Board may, from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette* —

- (a) vary the number of its members and provide in what manner additional members, if any, shall be appointed; and
- (b) add to or amend the Schedule.

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(6) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Association under subsection (1)(b), (c) or (d), by reason of death, resignation, revocation of an appointment under subsection (2) or for any other cause, the Chairman shall —

- (a) in the case of a vacancy under subsection (1)(b) or (c), appoint a person to fill the vacancy; and
- (b) in the case of a vacancy under subsection (1)(d), in consultation with the organisation concerned, appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

(7) Any person appointed under subsection (6)(a) or (b) shall hold office for so long

as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

### **Constitution of Board**

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) the persons mentioned in section 4(1)(a) to (c); and
- (b) 4 members to be elected from among themselves by the persons mentioned in section 4(1)(d) at a general meeting of the Association.

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(2) The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall be the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

(3) Members of the Board elected under subsection (1)(b) shall hold office for a period of 3 years from the date of their election and shall be eligible for re-election.

(4) The term of office of a member of the Board elected under subsection (1)(b) shall cease upon the revocation of his appointment as a member of the Association under section 4(2), or if his appointment as a member of the Association has expired and he has not been reappointed under section 4(3).

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### **Meetings**

6.—(1) The Board may meet as often as it considers necessary, but it shall in any case meet at least once in 3 months to discuss the management and affairs of the Association.

(2) General meetings of the Association may be held as often as the Board considers necessary, but the Board shall in any case convene a general meeting once in every 3 years.

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(3) Before the holding of a general meeting of the Association, the Board shall cause a notice to be sent to all members of the Association giving them at least 7 days' notice of the holding of the general meeting, and specifying the date, time and place of the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat.

(4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) shall be deemed to have been received by a member if sent by ordinary post or despatched by messenger to the address of the member as stated in the records of the Association.

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(5) The Chairman shall —

- (a) preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board; and

(b) have the right to vote on any question coming before or arising at any meeting of the Association or of the Board.

(6) The Deputy Chairman shall, in the absence of the Chairman, preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board and when so doing shall have and may exercise all the powers and functions of the Chairman.

(7) In the absence of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman at any meeting of the Association or of the Board, such member as the members present may select shall act as Chairman.

(8) The quorum at all meetings of the Association shall be one-third of the total number of members of the Association, and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

(8A) The quorum at every meeting of the Board shall be 5 members of the Board, and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

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(9) All questions coming before or arising at any meeting of the Association or of the Board shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting thereon at that meeting of the Association or of the Board, and in the case of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

### **Disclosure of interest**

7.—(1) If a member of the Association or of the Board is, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract, proposed contract or other matter and is present at a meeting of the Association or of the Board at which the contract, proposed contract or other matter is the subject of consideration, the member —

- (a) shall, at the meeting and as soon as practicable after it commences, disclose the fact; and
- (b) shall not thereafter be present during the consideration or discussion of, and shall not vote, on any question with respect to, that contract, proposed contract or other matter.

(2) Subsection (1) shall also apply to any member of a committee appointed in accordance with section 9(b) when the member is present at a meeting of any committee.

### **Objects of Association**

8. The objects of the Association are —

- (a) the organisation and the promotion of group participation in social, cultural, educational and athletic activities for the people of Singapore in