

**Hindu Endowments Act  
(CHAPTER 364)**

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# **HINDU ENDOWMENTS ACT**

## **(CHAPTER 364)**

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An Act to provide for the administration of Hindu religious and charitable endowments.

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## **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Hindu Endowments Act.

## **Interpretation**

2. In this Act “endowment” means any endowment in land, building or money given or to be given for the support of any Hindu temple or Hindu shrine or school or other Hindu pious, religious, charitable or beneficial purpose.

## **Constitution**

3. There shall be constituted a Hindu Endowments Board (referred to in this Act as the Board) which shall exercise the functions conferred on it by this Act.

## **Board to be a corporation**

4.—(1) The Board shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, and the seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as to the Board seems fit.

(2) The Board may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

## Membership

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) a Vice-Chairman;
- (c) a Finance member; and
- (d) not less than 8 and not more than 12 other members,

all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and unless the contrary intention appears in the instrument of appointment, the appointment of members under subsection (1) shall be for a period of 3 years from the date thereof.

(3) The members of the Board shall be eligible for reappointment except that a Finance member shall not be appointed for more than two consecutive terms as a Finance member but may, at the end of the second consecutive term, be appointed in any capacity in the Board except as a Finance member.

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(4) No person shall be appointed a member of the Board under subsection (1) unless he —

- (a) is a Hindu; and
- (b) is a citizen of Singapore.

(5) The members of the Board shall be deemed to be public servants for the purposes of the Penal Code [Cap. 224].

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## Secretary

6.—(1) The Secretary of the Board shall be a public officer and shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Secretary of the Board shall convene and attend all meetings of the Board but shall not have the right to vote.

## Appointments to be notified in *Gazette*

7. All appointments made under this Act shall be notified in the *Gazette*.

### **Determination of appointment**

8. Without prejudice to sections 5(2) and 9, the appointment of any member of the Board determines —

- (a) upon his death;
- (b) if he resigns his appointment, by writing addressed to the Minister through the Secretary of the Board;
- (c) if he is absent from Singapore, without written permission from the Chairman, for a period exceeding 3 months; or
- (d) if he is declared a bankrupt.

### **Revocation of appointment**

9. The Minister may revoke the appointment of any member of the Board —

- (a) if the conduct of the member, whether in connection with the duties of the appointment or otherwise, is in the opinion of the Minister such as to bring discredit upon the Board;
- (b) if for any reason the member becomes unable properly to carry out the duties of his appointment;
- (c) if, without due cause to be approved by the Chairman, the member absents himself from 3 successive meetings of the Board; or
- (d) if the Minister considers it desirable in the public interest to revoke the appointment.

### **Strangers at meetings**

10.—(1) The Chairman may invite to any meeting of the Board any person who is not a member of the Board if the business before the meeting renders the presence of that person desirable.

(2) Any person so invited shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Board, but shall not have the right to vote.

### **Chairman**

11.—(1) The Chairman and in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

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