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An Act to make provision for the preparation and publication of a revised edition of the laws of Singapore, for subsequent revisions thereof and for matters connected therewith.

[4/2021]

[15 April 1983]

Short Title

1. This Act is the Revised Edition of the Laws Act 1983.

Interpretation

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

“Acts” means all Acts of Parliament and includes the Constitution, the United Kingdom enactments and all Ordinances having the force of law in Singapore;

“Commissioners” means the Law Revision Commissioners appointed under section 3;

“revised edition of Acts” means the revised edition of the Acts prepared under the authority of section 3;

“revised edition of subsidiary legislation” means the revised edition, prepared under the authority of section 3, of orders in council, proclamations, rules, regulations, orders, notifications, by-laws and other forms of subsidiary legislation made under any Act or other lawful authority and having legislative effect.

Appointment of Commission

3.—(1) The President may appoint a Law Revision Commission comprising, as Law Revision Commissioners —

- (a) the Attorney-General;
- (b) a Deputy Attorney-General;
- (c) the Solicitor-General;
- (d) the Chief Legislative Counsel; and

(e) any other persons whom the President may appoint, to prepare and publish a revised edition of Acts and a revised edition of subsidiary legislation and to make subsequent revisions thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

[41/2014; 4/2021; S 365/2013]

(2) Every Commissioner appointed under subsection (1)(e) holds office for a period not exceeding 3 years that the President may determine and is eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The President may at any time revoke the appointment of any Commissioner appointed under subsection (1)(e).

(4) In case any of the Commissioners, appointed under subsection (1), is unable from any cause fully to discharge his or her commission under this Act, the President may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint some other person to be a Commissioner or temporarily in his or her stead to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of a Commissioner.

(5) In case any Commissioner is unable from any cause fully to discharge his or her commission under this Act and no appointment has been made under subsection (4), the remaining Commissioner or Commissioners have and may exercise all the powers and duties conferred by this Act upon the Commissioners.

Powers of Commissioners

4.—(1) In the preparation of the revised edition of Acts, the Commissioners have power, without changing the meaning of any Act —

(a) to omit —

- (i) all Acts or parts of Acts which have been repealed, expressly, specifically or by necessary implication, or which have expired or have become spent or have had effect, and all Supply Acts and Acts or parts of Acts so far as they effect changes of titles;
- (ii) all repealing enactments contained in Acts and all tables or lists of repealed enactments, whether contained in schedules or otherwise;