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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 28 February 2017 and assented to by the President on 5 April 2017:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 20 of 2017.

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,
President.
5 April 2017.



An Act to amend the Architects Act (Chapter 12 of the 2000 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Architects (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Architects Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “allied professional”, the following definitions:

“ “architectural firm” means —

- (a) a partnership comprising wholly of registered architects, each of whom has in force a practising certificate; or
- (b) a sole-proprietorship comprising a registered architect who has in force a practising certificate;

“architectural practice” means —

- (a) an architectural firm;
- (b) a limited corporation licensed under section 20(1);
- (c) an unlimited corporation licensed under section 20(2);
- (d) a partnership licensed under section 20(3); or
- (e) a limited liability partnership licensed under section 20(4);”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Disciplinary Committee”, the following definitions:

“ “foreign architect” means any person who is authorised to practise as an architect in a country or territory outside Singapore under the law of that country or territory;

“foreign registration authority”, for any country or territory outside Singapore, means the person in that country or territory having the function conferred by the laws of that country or territory of registering persons in connection with the persons carrying on the practice of architecture in that country or territory;”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “limited liability partnership”, the following definition:

“ “limited partnership” means a limited partnership registered under the Limited Partnerships Act (Cap. 163B);”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “nominee”, the following definitions:

“ “participating jurisdiction” means any country or territory outside Singapore in relation to which an arrangement under section 6A(2) is in force;

“partnership” includes a limited partnership;”;

- (e) by deleting the definition of “register of architects” and substituting the following definition:

“ “register of architects” means the register of architects kept and maintained by the Board under section 8(1)(a);”;

- (f) by deleting the words “section 8(c)” in the definition of “register of licensees” and substituting the words “section 8(1)(e)”;

- (g) by deleting the words “section 8(b)” in the definition of “register of practitioners” and substituting the words “section 8(1)(d)”;

- (h) by deleting the words “section 15” in the definition of “registered architect” and substituting the words “section 15(1) or (2A)”.

Amendment of section 4A

3. Section 4A of the Architects Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “for not more than 2 consecutive terms” in subsection (3); and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(3A) However, a person is ineligible for re-election to office as a member under subsection (1)(c) if the re-election would result in the person holding office as a member for 3 consecutive terms.”.

Amendment of section 4C

4. Section 4C of the Architects Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “for not more than 2 consecutive terms” in subsection (2); and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(3) However, a person is ineligible for re-election as the President under subsection (1) if the re-election would result in the person holding office as the President for 3 consecutive terms.”.

Amendment of section 4F

5. Section 4F of the Architects Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) A meeting of the Board may be held —

- (a) by a quorum of the members, being assembled together at the place and time appointed for the meeting; or
- (b) by means of audio, audio and visual, or electronic communication provided that —

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- (i) all of the members who wish to participate in the meeting have access to the technology needed to participate in the meeting; and
 - (ii) a quorum of members can simultaneously communicate with each other throughout the meeting.

(1B) For the purposes of this Act, a member participating in a meeting as permitted under subsection (1A)(b) is taken to be present at the meeting.”.

New section 4G

6. The Architects Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 4F, the following section:

“Decision-making outside of meeting

4G.—(1) The Board may, in lieu of a meeting in accordance with section 4F, make a decision by written or electronic means, if —

- (a) all of the members are given (whether by post, personal delivery or electronic communication) the terms of the decision to be made; and
- (b) a majority of those members who are entitled to vote on the matter sign or approve a document containing the terms of the decision to be made and a statement that they are in favour of those terms.

(2) A decision of the Board is taken to be made at a meeting of the Board on the date on which the document containing the terms of the decision to be made is signed or approved by the last member required to form the majority of the members in favour of the decision.

(3) Any reference in any law to a decision of the Board includes a reference to a decision of the Board made in accordance with this section.”.