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Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 30/2019.

Read the first time on 7 October 2019.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore
(1999 Reprint).

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 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the President appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of Article 2

2. Article 2(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (called in this Act the Constitution) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “Judge of the Supreme Court” and substituting the following definition:

““high judicial office” means the office of the Chief Justice, a Justice of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Appellate Division, a Judge of the High Court, a Judicial Commissioner, a Senior Judge or an International Judge, and “person holding high judicial office” has a corresponding meaning;” and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definitions of “Speaker” and “Deputy Speaker”, the following definition:

““Supreme Court Judge” means the Chief Justice, a Justice of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Appellate Division or a Judge of the High Court;”.

Amendment of Article 9

3. Article 9(2) of the Constitution is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “High Court” and substituting the words “General Division of the High Court”;

(b) by deleting the word “thereof” and substituting the words “sitting in the General Division of the High Court”; and

(c) by deleting the words “the Court” wherever they appear and substituting in each case the words “the General Division of the High Court”.

Amendment of Article 22

4. Article 22(1) of the Constitution is amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) the Chief Justice, Justices of the Court of Appeal, Judges of the Appellate Division, Judges of the High Court, Judicial Commissioners, Senior Judges and International Judges;”.

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Amendment of Article 50

5. Article 50(2) of the Constitution is amended by deleting the words “High Court” and substituting the words “General Division of the High Court”.

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Repeal and re-enactment of Article 94

6. Article 94 of the Constitution is repealed and the following Article substituted therefor:

“Constitution of Supreme Court

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94.—(1) The Supreme Court consists of —

(a) the Court of Appeal; and

(b) the High Court, which in turn consists of —

(i) the Appellate Division; and

(ii) the General Division.

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(2) The Court of Appeal and the Divisions of the High Court have the jurisdiction and powers conferred on each of them by this Constitution and any other written law.

(3) The Court of Appeal consists of the Chief Justice and the Justices of the Court of Appeal.

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(4) The Appellate Division of the High Court consists of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Appellate Division.

(5) The General Division of the High Court consists of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the High Court.