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Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 34/2018.

Read the first time on 10 September 2018.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218 of the 2011 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 Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 9

2. Section 9 of the Parliamentary Elections Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of subsection (1)(b);

(b) by deleting paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(c) prepare or cause to be prepared maps or other images in such detail and with such markings as sufficient to delineate the polling districts into which that electoral division has been subdivided; and

(d) publish in the *Gazette* a notice containing —

(i) particulars of the website at which the maps or other images of the polling districts mentioned in paragraph (c) may be accessed online, and the place at which such maps or other images may be inspected, by the public; and

(ii) the distinguishing letter or letters assigned to each such polling district.”; and

(c) by deleting the words “publish in the *Gazette* a notice specifying in relation to that electoral division the particulars mentioned in subsection (1)(c)” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “take the steps mentioned in subsection (1)(c) and (d) for that electoral division”.

Amendment of section 11

3. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “The” in subsection (8) and substituting the words “Subject to subsection (9C), the”;
- (b) by deleting subsection (9B) and substituting the following subsections:

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“(9B) Despite subsection (9), the Registration Officer may, without holding any public inquiry —

- (a) allow any claim in respect of which no objection is made if the Registration Officer is satisfied that the claim should be allowed, and insert the claimant’s name in the register and, where applicable, register the claimant as an overseas elector; or

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- (b) reject any claim if the Registration Officer is satisfied that —

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- (i) the claimant was not a citizen of Singapore on the prescribed date mentioned in section 5(4);

- (ii) the claimant was below 21 years of age on the prescribed date mentioned in section 5(4); or

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- (iii) where the claimant claims to be entitled to have the claimant’s name entered in the register for an electoral division on the ground of a change in the claimant’s residential address, the new address specified in the claimant’s claim is not the address of any premises in that electoral division.

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(9C) Subsections (8) and (10) do not apply to a claim rejected by the Registration Officer under subsection (9B)(b).”; and

- (c) by deleting the word “Where” in subsection (10) and substituting the words “Subject to subsection (9C), where”.

Amendment of section 28

4. Section 28 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the words “on his behalf, shall” in subsection (1), the words “, in accordance with subsection (2),”;

(b) by deleting the words “8% of the total allowances payable to a Member of Parliament in the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest \$500” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “the applicable amount specified in subsection (1AA)”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1AA) For the purpose of subsection (1), the applicable amount is —

(a) in the case of a general election, the amount of the fixed monthly allowance payable to an elected Member of Parliament for the month immediately before the date of dissolution of Parliament, rounded to the nearest \$500; and

(b) in the case of a by-election, the amount of the fixed monthly allowance payable to an elected Member of Parliament for the month immediately before the date of issue of the writ for the by-election, rounded to the nearest \$500.”;

(d) by deleting the words “and pay that sum into the Consolidated Fund” in subsection (1B); and