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Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment No. 2) Bill

Bill No. 33/2018.

Read the first time on 10 September 2018.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Chapter 322 of the 2007 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the State Courts Act (Chapter 321 of the 2007 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 Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment No. 2) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

New section 8A

2. The Supreme Court of Judicature Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after section 8, the following section:

“Court may conduct hearing through electronic means of communication

8A.—(1) Without limiting section 8, the court may conduct the hearing of any matter or proceeding through a live video link, a live television link or any other electronic means of communication.

(2) Subsection (1) does not affect the operation of section 62A of the Evidence Act (Cap. 97) and section 281 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68).”.

Amendment of section 21

3. Section 21(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting “\$50,000” in paragraph (a) and substituting “\$60,000”.

Amendment of section 30

4. Section 30 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) Despite subsection (1), the Court of Appeal in the exercise of its civil jurisdiction is duly constituted for the purpose of hearing and determining a matter specified in the Sixth Schedule, if it consists of the number of Judges of Appeal specified for that matter in that Schedule.”.

Amendment of section 34

5. Section 34 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsections (1), (2) and (2A) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) An appeal cannot be brought to the Court of Appeal in any case specified in paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule except where provided in that Schedule.

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(2) An appeal may be brought to the Court of Appeal in any of the following cases only with the leave of the High Court or the Court of Appeal unless otherwise provided in the Fifth Schedule:

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- (a) any case where the amount in dispute, or the value of the subject-matter, at the hearing before the High Court (excluding interest and costs) does not exceed \$250,000 or such other amount as may be specified by an order made under subsection (3);

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- (b) any case specified in paragraph 1 of the Fifth Schedule.

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(2A) In addition, an appeal may be brought to the Court of Appeal in any case set out in section 73A(9), 73B(5), 73C(6), 73D(6) or 74(2A) only with the leave of the High Court or the Court of Appeal.”; and

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- (b) by deleting subsections (4) to (8) and substituting the following subsection:

“(4) An appeal may be brought to the Court of Appeal in any case specified in paragraph 2 of the Fifth Schedule only with the leave of a Judge of the Family Division of the High Court, or of the Court of Appeal unless otherwise provided in that Schedule.”.

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