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Presidential Elections (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Presidential Elections Act (Chapter 240A of the 2011 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to 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 Presidential Elections (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of section 2

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

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “candidate”, the following definition:

10 ““certificate of eligibility” means a certificate of eligibility issued under Division 2 of Part II;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Commissioner of National Registration”, the following definitions:

15 ““community” means —

(a) the Chinese community;

(b) the Malay community; or

(c) the Indian or other minority communities;

20 “community certificate” means a community certificate issued by the Community Committee under Division 3 of Part II;

“Community Committee” means the Community Committee established under section 8E;”;

25 (c) by deleting the words “or group of candidates” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “direct recording electronic voting machine” or “DRE voting machine”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “election”, the following definition:

“ “election advertising” means any poster, banner, notice, circular, handbill, illustration, article, advertisement or other material that can reasonably be regarded as intended —

(a) to promote or procure the electoral success of a candidate at an election; or 5

(b) to otherwise enhance the standing of the candidate with the electorate in connection with that election, 10

and such material is election advertising even though it can reasonably be regarded as intended to achieve any other purpose as well and even though it does not expressly mention the name of the candidate, but excludes any button, badge, pen, pencil, balloon and any other thing prescribed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette*.”; 15

(e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Registration Officer”, the following definition: 20

“ “reserved election” means an election reserved under Article 19B(1) of the Constitution read with section 5A, but excludes an election which is an open election under section 5B;”;

(f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Returning Officer”, the following definition: 25

“ “Sub-Committee” means any of the following Sub-Committees established under section 8E:

(a) the Chinese Community Sub-Committee; 30

(b) the Malay Community Sub-Committee;

(c) the Indian and Other Minority Communities Sub-Committee;” and