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Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 20/2015.

Read the first time on 11 May 2015.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Act (Chapter 141 of the 2013 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts.

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 may be cited as the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Amendment) Act 2015 and comes into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “Institute of Southeast Asian Studies” and substituting the words “ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute”.

Amendment of section 1

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Act” and substituting the words “ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute Act”.

Amendment of section 2

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “of Southeast Asian Studies” in the definition of “Board”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Director”, the following definition:

“ “Institute” means the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute established under section 3;”.

Amendment of section 3

5. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “ “the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies” (referred to in this Act as the Institute)” and substituting the words “ “the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute” ”.

Amendment of section 4

6. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “of Southeast Asian Studies” in subsection (1);

- (b) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) The Board consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and 12 other members to be appointed by the Minister.”;

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- (c) by deleting the word “President” wherever it appears in subsection (4) (including the proviso) and substituting in each case the word “Minister”;

- (d) by deleting subsection (5) (including the proviso); and

- (e) by deleting the words “the vacancy shall be filled by the authority appointing that member” in subsection (10) and substituting the words “the Minister may appoint any person to fill the vacancy”.

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Amendment of section 6

7. Section 6(2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Eight members” and substituting the words “Five members”.

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Repeal of section 7

8. Section 7 of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment of section 11

9. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended —

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- (a) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) The financial provisions set out in the Schedule are to have effect with respect to the Institute.”; and

- (b) by deleting the words “accounts of Institute” in the section heading and substituting the words “financial provisions”.

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New section 11A

10. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 11, the following section:

“Annual report

11A.—(1) The Institute must, as soon as practicable after the close of each financial year, submit to the Minister an annual report on the activities of the Institute during that year.

5 (2) The Minister must, as soon as practicable, cause a copy of the annual report to be presented to Parliament.”.

New sections 17 and 18 and Schedule

11. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 16, the following sections and Schedule:

“Public servants

17. All employees of the Institute are deemed to be public servants for the purposes of the Penal Code (Cap. 224).

Protection from personal liability

15 **18.** No liability is to lie personally against any member of the Board, employee of the Institute or other person acting under the direction of the Institute who, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, does or omits to do anything in —

 (a) the exercise or purported exercise of any power under this Act; or

20 (b) the performance or purported performance of any function or duty under this Act.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 11(3)

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Accounts of Institute

25 1. The Institute must keep proper accounts and records of its transactions and affairs and must do all things necessary to ensure that —

 (a) all payments out of its moneys are correctly made and properly authorised; and