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An Act to amend the Small Claims Tribunals Act (Chapter 308 of the 1996 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 may be cited as the Small Claims Tribunals (Amendment) Act 1997 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 17

2. Section 17 of the Small Claims Tribunals Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (8), the following subsections:

“(9) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Registrar made under subsection (5), (6) or (7) may apply to the Registrar for the order to be set aside.

(10) An application made under subsection (9) shall be made within one month after the consultation or such further period as the Registrar may allow.”.

New section 17A

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 17, the following section:

“Consultation before Registrar by electronic means

17A.—(1) The Registrar may, on such conditions as he may impose, permit the consultation to be conducted by telephone, videophone or any other electronic means (referred to in this section as electronic means).

(2) The Registrar may at any time direct any consultation by electronic means to cease and order the parties to appear in person at a designated place for the consultation.

(3) Any order made by the Registrar at the consultation by electronic means may be set aside on the application of any person aggrieved by that order if the Registrar is satisfied that either party has been impersonated or that any person who participated in the consultation did not have authority to represent the party concerned.

(4) An application made under subsection (3) shall be made within one month