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An Act to amend the Singapore Academy of Law Act (Chapter 294A of the 1989 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Notaries Public Act (Chapter 208 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Chapter 322 of the 1985 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.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Singapore Academy of Law (Amendment) Act 1995 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Singapore Academy of Law Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “a judge of the Supreme Court” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “judge of the Supreme Court” and substituting the words “a judge of the High Court or as a judge of Appeal”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

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

“(a) to promote and maintain high standards of conduct

and learning of the members of the legal profession in Singapore and the standing of the profession in the region and elsewhere;

(b) to promote the advancement and dissemination of knowledge of the laws and the legal system;

(ba) to promote legal research and scholarship and the reform and development of the law;”;

(b) by deleting the words “legal training and education for” in subsection (1)(d) and substituting the words “for the training, education and examination by the Academy or by any other body, of”;

(c) by deleting the word “and” at the end of subsection (1)(f);

(d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (g) of subsection (1) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraphs:

“(h) to appoint persons as notaries public or commissioners for oaths and to authenticate their signatures;

(i) to undertake activities and projects relating to the study, development and operation of laws and legal systems and the facilities, information technology and infrastructure in support thereof;

(j) to provide consultancy and other services relating to the study, development and operation of laws and legal systems and the facilities, information technology and infrastructure in support thereof; and

(k) to exercise the functions and duties conferred on the Academy under any written law.”;

(e) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (a) of subsection (2), the following paragraphs:

“(aa) provide training in subjects of study relating to law, the practice of law or the administration of justice;

(ab) appoint trustees of, and to receive, manage and administer, scholarship and other funds;”;

(f) by deleting paragraph (j) of subsection (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(j) invest the moneys and funds of the Academy in such shares, funds, securities, or investments as may be authorised by the Senate;
- (k) enter into such arrangements, agreements or joint ventures as are necessary for the attainment of its functions;
- (l) form or participate in the formation of any company for the purpose of carrying out all or any of the functions of the Academy;
- (m) levy and charge fees;
- (n) exercise such powers as may be conferred on the Academy or the Senate under any written law; and”;

(g) by re-lettering the existing paragraph (k) of subsection (2) as paragraph (o).

Repeal and re-enactment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Constitution of Senate

5.—(1) The management of the affairs of the Academy and of its properties shall be vested in a Senate which shall consist of —

- (a) the Chief Justice;
- (b) the judges of the Supreme Court;
- (c) the Attorney-General;
- (d) the Solicitor-General;
- (e) the President of the Law Society;
- (f) the Dean of the Faculty;
- (g) the Chairman of the Board; and
- (h) 9 other members who are appointed by the Chief Justice after consultation with the Attorney-General, the President of the Law Society and the Dean of the Faculty.

(2) No person shall be appointed as a member of the Senate pursuant to subsection (1)(h) unless he is a member of the Academy and a citizen of Singapore.

(3) Any person appointed as a member of the Senate pursuant to subsection (1)(h) shall hold office for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reappointment on the expiration of his term of office.

(4) Any person holding office as a nominated member of the Senate immediately before the commencement of section 4 of the Singapore Academy of Law (Amendment) Act 1995 shall be deemed to have been appointed under subsection (3).”.

Amendment of section 6

5. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(5) A Vice-President of the Academy who ceases to be a member of the Senate shall cease to be Vice-President.”.

Amendment of section 7

6. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) The Senate may perform all such functions and exercise all such powers of the Academy as it thinks fit.”.

Amendment of section 9

7. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) The Senate may meet at such times and places as the Senate or the President may determine.

(2) A majority of the members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Senate.”.

Amendment of section 10

8. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “the exercise of any functions exercisable by the Senate” in the last line of subsection (1) and substituting the words “any functions or powers that may be performed or exercised by the Senate, other than the power to make rules under section 26”;