

# **National Heritage Board Bill**

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An Act to establish the National Heritage Board, to transfer to it the National Museum, the National Archives and Records Centre and the Oral History Department and to repeal the National Archives and Records Centre Act (Chapter 193 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and section 21 of the Science Centre Act (Chapter 286 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY

#### **Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the National Heritage Board Act 1993 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### **Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“Board” means the National Heritage Board established under section 3;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board and includes any temporary Chairman of the Board;

“chief executive officer” means the chief executive officer of the Board and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“Deputy Chairman” means the Deputy Chairman of the Board and includes any temporary Deputy Chairman of the Board;

“Fund” means the National Heritage Endowment Fund established under section 35;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“National Archives” means the National Archives of Singapore established under section 17;

“object” includes any work of art and any artifact;

“public archives” means those public records that —

(a) are more than 25 years old;

(b) are specified by the Board as being of national or historical significance; and

(c) have been transferred to the Board or to such other place as the Board may from time to time determine;

“public office” means any department, office, institution, agency, commission, board, local authority or statutory body or any other office of the Government or branch or subdivision thereof, and any other body that the President may, by