

Singapore Academy of Law Bill

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An Act to establish the Singapore Academy of Law and for matters connected therewith.

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

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Academy of Law Act 1988 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 —

“Academy” means the Singapore Academy of Law established under section 3;

“advocate and solicitor” means an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court but shall not include any person admitted ad hoc under section 20 of the Legal Profession Act (Cap. 161);

“Board” means the Board of Legal Education established under section 3 of the Legal Profession Act;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore;

“Faculty” means the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore;

“judge of the Supreme Court” includes —

(a) a person designated to sit as a judge of the Supreme Court under Article 94(3) of the Constitution; and

(b) a Judicial Commissioner appointed under Article 94(4) of the Constitution;

“Law Society” means the Law Society of Singapore established under section 33 of the Legal Profession Act;

“legal officer” means an officer in the Singapore Legal Service;

“member” includes a Fellow, honorary member, ordinary member and associate member of the Academy;

“President” means the President of the Academy;

“qualified person” shall have the same meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Legal Profession Act;

“Senate” means the Senate of the Academy established under section 5;

“Vice-President” means a Vice-President of the Academy.

ESTABLISHMENT, INCORPORATION, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE SINGAPORE ACADEMY OF LAW

Establishment of Singapore Academy of Law

3. There shall be established a body to be called the Singapore Academy of Law which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and to perform such other acts which bodies corporate may by law perform.

Functions and powers of Academy

4.—(1) The functions of the Academy shall be as follows:

(a) to promote and maintain high standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession in Singapore;

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

(c) to provide continuing legal education for its members;

(d) to provide legal training and education for persons intending to practise the

profession of law;

- (e) to consider proposals and suggestions regarding matters which are referred to the Academy by the Law Society or the Board;
- (f) to refer to the Law Society or the Board proposals and suggestions regarding matters which in the opinion of the Senate require consideration by the Law Society or the Board; and
- (g) to promote good relations and social interaction amongst members and between members and law students and persons concerned in the administration of law and justice in Singapore.

(2) The Academy may for the purpose of performing its functions —

- (a) provide training and educational facilities for persons practising and intending to practise the profession of law;
- (b) establish a library and common rooms for its members;
- (c) grant prizes and scholarships and establish and subsidize lectureships in educational institutions in subjects of study relating to law;
- (d) contribute a collegiate element in the training of students and young lawyers by organising moots, lectures, talks and practical exercises;
- (e) provide facilities for social interaction amongst its members and between its members and law students;
- (f) purchase or lease any land or building required for any of the purposes of the Academy;
- (g) sell, surrender, lease, exchange or mortgage any land or building as may be found most convenient or advantageous;
- (h) receive grants from the Government or donations and gifts from the Law Society or any source;
- (i) borrow money whether by way of bank overdraft or otherwise for such of the purposes of the Academy as the Senate may from time to time consider desirable;
- (j) invest the moneys of the Academy, not immediately required, in any investments authorised by law for the investment of trust funds; and
- (k) do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the functions of the Academy.