

Town Councils Bill

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An Act to provide for the incorporation of Town Councils to control, manage, maintain and improve the common property of housing estates of the Housing and Development Board, their constitution, functions and for matters incidental thereto.

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 Town Councils Act 1988 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

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

“appointed member”, in relation to a Town Council, means a person who has been appointed to be a member of the Town Council under section 8 or 9(6);

“Board” means the Housing and Development Board established under the Housing and Development Act (Cap. 129);

“Chairman”, in relation to a Town Council, means the Chairman of the Town Council and includes an acting Chairman of the Town Council;

“charges” means the conservancy and service charges levied by a Town Council under section 38;

“commercial property” means any building or premises vested in or belonging to the Board or any part thereof which is permitted to be used pursuant to the Planning Act (Cap. 232) or any other written law for the purpose of carrying on any business or which is lawfully so used, and includes any market or food centre of the Board but does not include such property as may be prescribed;

“common property”, in relation to any residential or commercial property in a housing estate of the Board, means so much of the land and all parts of any building of the Board as are not being comprised in the flats in the building and includes —

- (a) the columns, beams, supports, external walls and windows, roofs and storage spaces, lobbies, corridors, stairs, stairways, fire escapes, entrances and exits;
- (b) fire-fighting and protection system;
- (c) the central and appurtenant installations for services such as power, light, gas, sanitation and water;