

National Computer Board Bill

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Read the first time on 15th June 1981.

An Act to provide for the establishment and incorporation of the National Computer Board 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 Computer Board Act, 1981, 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 —

“Board” means the National Computer Board established and incorporated by this Act;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;

“member” means a member of the Board.

PART II

THE NATIONAL COMPUTER BOARD

Establishment and incorporation of the National Computer Board

3. There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Computer Board which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, by that name, be capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing or disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering all such other acts or things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

Common seal

4.—(1) All deeds and other documents requiring the seal of the Board shall be sealed with the common seal of the Board and such instruments to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by any two members generally or specially authorised by the Board for the purpose or by one member and the chief executive officer.

(2) All courts, judges and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the common seal of the Board affixed to any document and shall presume that it was duly affixed.

Membership of the Board

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of eight members to be appointed by the Minister of whom —

- (a) two members shall have special knowledge of the computer services industry and shall be appointed in consultation with such bodies as the Minister considers appropriate;
- (b) one member shall represent the Economic Development Board;
- (c) one member shall represent the National University of Singapore;
- (d) one member shall represent the Ministry of Education; and
- (e) one member shall represent the Ministry of Finance.

(2) The Minister may appoint a member of the Board to be its Chairman.

Term of office

6.—(1) A member of the Board shall hold office for such term as the Minister shall specify in his appointment, being a term not exceeding three years, and may from time to time be re-appointed.

(2) Any member of the Board may at any time by notice in writing to the Minister resign his office.

(3) If the Minister is satisfied that a member —

- (a) becomes a bankrupt or has made an arrangement with his creditors;
- (b) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness; or
- (c) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge his duties,

the Minister may terminate his appointment as a member and shall notify the fact in such manner as he thinks fit.

(4) If the Chairman ceases to be a member of the Board he shall cease to be the Chairman.

(5) If a member dies or resigns or has his appointment terminated, the Minister may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the residue of the term for which the vacating member was appointed; but the new member shall be appointed in accordance with whichever paragraph of section 5 as is appropriate.

(6) The Board shall pay to the Chairman and other members of the Board such salaries, fees and allowances as the Minister may from time to time determine.

Meetings and proceedings of the Board

7.—(1) At all meetings of the Board four members shall form a quorum.

(2) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he is present and in his absence the members present shall elect one of their number to preside.

(3) Meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places as the Board may determine.

(4) All questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

(5) At any meeting of the Board the Chairman or member presiding shall have a deliberative vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, he shall also have a casting vote.

(6) The validity of any proceedings of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst its members or by any defect in the appointment of any member.