

Constitution (Amendment) (Protection of the Sovereignty of the Republic of Singapore) Bill

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Read the first time on 24th October 1972.

An Act to amend the Constitution of Singapore.

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

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) (Protection of the Sovereignty of the Republic of Singapore) Act, 1972, and shall come into operation on such date as the President may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

New Part IIB

2. The Constitution of Singapore is hereby amended by inserting immediately after Article 52I thereof the following new Part: —

“PART IIB

PROTECTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

**No surrender of sovereignty by merger or in any other manner, nor
relinquishment of control over the Police Force or the Armed Forces unless
supported by not less than two-thirds of total votes cast by electors at a
referendum**

52J.—(1) There shall be —

- (a) no surrender or transfer, either wholly or in part, of the sovereignty of the Republic of Singapore as an independent nation, whether by way of merger or incorporation with any other sovereign state or with any Federation, Confederation, country or territory or in any other manner whatsoever; and
- (b) no relinquishment of control over the Singapore Police Force or the Singapore Armed Forces,

unless such surrender, transfer or relinquishment has been supported, at a national referendum, by not less than two-thirds of the total number of votes cast by the electors registered under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 50).

(2) For the purposes of this Article, the expression —

- (a) the “Singapore Police Force” shall mean the Singapore Police Force and the Special Constabulary established under the Police Force Act (Cap. 78) and any Auxiliary Police Force created in accordance with Part X of the said Act, and shall include the Vigilante Corps established under the Vigilante Corps Act (Cap. 80) and such other force as the President may, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare to be a police force for the purposes of this Article; and
- (b) the “Singapore Armed Forces” shall mean the Singapore Armed