

# **National Statistical Commission of Singapore Bill**

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### **National Statistical Commission of Singapore Bill**

**Bill No. 19/1971**

*Read the first time on 19th October 1971.*

An Act to provide for the establishment of a National Statistical Commission of Singapore and for matters connected therewith.

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 National Statistical Commission of Singapore Act, 1971, 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 —

“Commission” means the National Statistical Commission of Singapore constituted under the provisions of section 3 of this Act;

“member” includes the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman;

“statutory body” means any of the bodies set out in the Schedule to this Act.

(2) The Minister may by notification in the *Gazette* add to, alter, vary or amend the Schedule to this Act.

### **Establishment and incorporation of the National Statistical Commission of Singapore**

3.—(1) There shall be constituted a body to be known as the “National Statistical Commission of Singapore” which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, which may sue and be sued in its corporate name and perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

(2) The common seal of the Commission may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as the Commission thinks fit.

(3) All deeds, documents or other instruments requiring the seal of the Commission shall be sealed with the common seal of the Commission in the presence of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman and one other member of the Commission who shall sign every such deed, document or other instrument to which the common seal is affixed and such signing shall be sufficient evidence that the seal was duly and properly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Commission.

(4) The Commission shall be exempt from the payment of stamp duty under any written law in force requiring payment of such duty.

(5) The income of the Commission shall be exempt from tax.

### **Members**

4.—(1) The Commission shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) a Deputy Chairman; and
- (c) five other members,

all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the members of the Commission shall hold office for such terms and subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine.

(3) The Minister may, at any time, accept the resignation of any member of the

Commission appointed by him.

(4) The Minister may, at any time, remove any member of the Commission from office without assigning any reason therefor.

### **Meetings of the Commission**

5.—(1) The Commission may meet at such times and places as it shall determine but shall hold a meeting at least once in three months.

(2) At a meeting of the Commission three members shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Chairman, or in his absence, the Deputy Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Commission.

(4) In the event of the votes on any question being equal the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, as the case may be, shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

(5) The Commission may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership.

(6) The Commission shall, subject to the approval of the Minister, regulate its own procedure and make rules for this purpose.

### **Appointment of officers and servants**

6.—(1) The Commission may appoint such officers and servants as may be necessary to assist the Commission in carrying out its functions.

(2) The officers and servants of the Commission shall be under the administrative control of the Commission and shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Commission.

(3) The Commission may delegate to any of its members, officers or servants such of its powers and functions as the Commission may think fit.

(4) All members, officers and servants of the Commission shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code (Cap. 103).

### **Objects of the Commission**

7. The objects of the Commission shall be —

- (a) to assume supervisory responsibility for the development of national statistical programmes;
- (b) to co-ordinate statistical activities in Government ministries, departments and statutory bodies;