

Land Surveyors Bill

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Read the first time on 22nd December 1969.

An Act to provide for the registration and control of land surveyors and for matters connected therewith and to repeal the Surveyors Ordinance (Chapter 201 of the Revised Edition).

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Land Surveyors Act, 1969, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Interpretation

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

“assurance plan” means any plan showing approximate boundaries or dimensions and areas for the purpose of identifying land which has not been surveyed to the satisfaction of the Chief Surveyor but requires to be surveyed under the provisions of any written law;

“Board” means the Land Surveyors Board constituted under section 3 of this Act;

“Chief Surveyor” means the officer for the time being performing the duties of the head of the Survey Department of Singapore;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“registered” means registered under this Act and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Board;

“surveyor” means a land surveyor and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;

“title survey” means any survey which by any written law is required for the purpose of or in connection with the registration of any title to land or building or any assurance or instrument affecting or purporting to affect title to land or building, and includes in connection therewith —

- (a) the delimitation of the boundaries of any land whether privately owned or not;
- (b) the emplacement, replacement and removal of boundary marks;
- (c) surveys required for the correct inter-relation of boundaries or of boundary marks;
- (d) the making and recording of all measurements and calculations relevant thereto and the drawing and reproduction of plans therefrom.

Constitution of the Board

3.—(1) There shall be a Board to be called “the Land Surveyors Board” which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and which may sue and be sued.

(2) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) the Chief Surveyor, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) the Deputy Chief Surveyor;
- (c) a Government surveyor appointed by the Minister; and
- (d) three surveyors appointed by the Minister, of whom one shall be appointed on the nomination of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors.

(3) A member of the Board (other than the Chief Surveyor or the Deputy Chief Surveyor) shall be appointed for a term not exceeding two years but may from time to time be reappointed, or may be at any time removed from office by the Minister.

(4) If any vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal from office of any appointed member, the vacancy shall, as soon as practicable, be filled in the manner in which the appointment to the vacant office was made; and every person so appointed shall hold office for the residue of the term for which his predecessor was appointed.

(5) The powers of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof.

Meetings of the Board and quorum

4.—(1) The Board shall meet at such times and such places as the Chairman may appoint.

(2) At any meeting of the Board three members thereof shall form a quorum and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.

(3) At any meeting of the Board the Chairman shall preside and in his absence the members present shall elect one of their number to preside over the meeting.

(4) The member presiding at any meeting of the Board shall have a deliberative vote, and, in any case where the votes are evenly divided, a casting vote.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of any regulations made thereunder the Board may determine its own procedure.

Common seal of the Board

5.—(1) The common seal of the Board shall bear such device as the Board may approve and such seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered or made anew by the Board as it may think fit.

(2) The common seal shall be kept in the custody of the Chairman and shall be authenticated by the Chairman or other member acting in the absence of the Chairman and any document purporting to be sealed by the said seal and authenticated as aforesaid shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be validly executed.

Power to appoint officers

6. The Board may appoint a Secretary and such other officers and employees as it thinks necessary.

Register

7.—(1) The Board shall cause a register to be kept which shall contain the names, addresses and qualifications of all registered surveyors, and all such other matters as may be prescribed.

(2) The register shall be maintained and kept by the Secretary at the office of the Board and shall be open to inspection by any person on payment of the prescribed fee.

(3) The Board shall, before the 31st day of March in each year, publish in the *Gazette* a list of the names of all registered surveyors and shall from time to time publish in the *Gazette* the names of persons added to or removed from the register.

(4) A copy of any entry in the register purporting to be certified by the Chairman or the Secretary as a true copy shall in all proceedings whatsoever be *prima facie* evidence of the matters therein specified.

Persons entitled to be registered

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every person who is not less than twenty-one years of age and who is resident in Singapore shall, on payment of the