

Singapore Council of Social Service Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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Read the first time on 10th May 1968.

An Act to incorporate the Singapore Council of Social Service.

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Council of Social Service Act, 1968.

Interpretation

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

“Board” means the Board of Management of the Council;

“Council” means the Singapore Council of Social Service incorporated under this Act;

“Fund” means the Singapore Council of Social Service Fund and includes all subscriptions, donations, bequests, interest and dividends and all other movable or immovable property received, acquired or held by the Council;

“President” means the President of the Council;

“Society” means the Singapore Council of Social Service in existence immediately before the date of the coming into operation of this Act and deemed to be registered under the provisions of the Societies Act, 1966 (Act 56 of 1966).

Incorporation of the Council

3.—(1) There is hereby established in Singapore a body to be known as “the Singapore Council of Social Service”.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and may sue and be sued in its corporate name and perform such acts or things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

Common seal

4. The Council shall have a common seal and such seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as the Council deems fit.

Transfer of property, liabilities, etc

5. Upon the coming into operation of this Act —

(a) all the assets and movable and immovable property of every description

and all the powers, rights and privileges in connection therewith or appertaining thereto which immediately before the date of the coming into operation of this Act were vested in the Society shall forthwith vest in the Council without further assurance;

- (b) all liabilities and obligations of the Society which may have existed immediately prior to the date of the coming into operation of this Act shall be transferred to and vest in the Council; and
- (c) every officer of the Society shall be deemed to hold a corresponding appointment in the Council, subject to any provision that may subsequently be made.

Constitution of the Council

6.—(1) The Council shall consist of one representative each from all the organisations set out in the Schedule to this Act.

(2) The Minister may, from time to time by notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule to this Act on the advice of the Council or the Board.

(3) The Board may in its absolute discretion accept as members of the Council organisations in any of the following categories: —

- (a) welfare and welfare co-ordination organisations; and
- (b) religious and other bodies which are engaged in welfare and charitable activities.

Associates

7.—(1) Any person, firm, corporation or organisation which subscribes an annual sum of not less than twenty-five dollars to the Fund may, in the absolute discretion of the Council, be admitted to be an Associate of the Council for the year of such subscription.

(2) Such Associates may elect from among themselves a number not exceeding two to represent them on the Council. Such elected associate members shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Council and of the Board and shall have a right to vote on any issue in such meetings except that of election of members of the Board.

***Ex-officio* members**

8. The Director of Social Welfare or his representative and the Head of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration, University of Singapore, or his representative shall be *ex-officio* members of the Council as well as of the Board.

Patrons

9. The Council may, on the recommendation of the Board, at any General or Annual General Meeting nominate suitable persons to be patron-in-chief and patrons of the Council.

Objects of the Council

10.—(1) The objects of the Council shall be —

- (a) to co-ordinate voluntary welfare activities in Singapore not only as between member organisations of the Council but also with other organisations;
- (b) to maintain and improve standards of voluntary social work and to encourage voluntary welfare efforts in fields not fully covered by the Government;
- (c) to assist member organisations by contributions or otherwise to promote voluntary welfare activities in Singapore;
- (d) to initiate, assist and organise such forms of relief and schemes of social service as may be deemed desirable by the Council;
- (e) to raise, receive, administer and distribute such funds and goods in kind as are entrusted to it;
- (f) to disseminate information to and interest in all possible ways the members of the public in social welfare matters and to encourage participation therein;
- (g) to make such recommendations to the Government as the Council thinks fit on matters pertaining to legislation in the field of social welfare or for the furtherance of the objects of the Council;
- (h) to establish a Headquarters and Social Service Centre.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out any of the objects set out in subsection (1) of this section the Council may —

- (a) acquire or accept leases, purchase, take hold and enjoy any lands, buildings, messuages or tenements of what nature or kind so ever and wheresoever situate in Singapore or elsewhere;
- (b) invest moneys on deposit in any bank in Singapore or on mortgage of any lands, buildings, messuages or tenements in Singapore or elsewhere or in or upon mortgages, debentures, stocks, funds, shares or securities or any corporation or company carrying on business in Singapore or elsewhere;
- (c) purchase and acquire all manner of goods and chattels whatsoever;