Singapore (Elections to the Federal House of Representatives) Ordinance

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An Ordinance to provide for elections from Singapore to the House of Representatives of the Federation of Malaysia.

WHEREAS it has been agreed between the Governments of the Federation of Malaya and of Singapore that with effect from the 31st day of August 1963, Singapore shall be a State within the Federation of Malaysia:

AND WHEREAS it has been agreed that fifteen members of the House of Representatives should be elected from Singapore in such manner as may be determined by the Legislature of Singapore with the concurrence of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made for the election of such fifteen members from constituencies in Singapore and for regulating the said elections and providing for the qualification of persons for election to the House of Representatives.

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Singapore (Elections to the Federal House of Representatives) Ordinance, 1963, and shall come into operation on such date as the Yang di-Pertuan Negara may by notification in the *Gazette* appoint.

Holding of elections

2. The Yang di-Pertuan Negara may, at any time after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, cause elections to be held for the election of fifteen members to the House of Representatives of the Federation of Malaysia.

Application of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance and rules and regulations made thereunder

- **3.**—(1) The Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance (Cap. 53) and the rules and regulations made thereunder shall subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and to the amendments and modifications set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance apply in relation to the elections held under section 2 of this Ordinance and in relation to all matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Minister may by order make such amendments, adaptations and modifications of the rules and regulations made under the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance and the forms in the First Schedule thereto as may appear

to him to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of such elections.

Registers of electors to be conclusive evidence

- **4.**—(1) The register of electors prepared under the provisions of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance shall be conclusive evidence for the purpose of determining whether a person is or is not entitled to vote at the elections held under the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (2) Where an electoral division specified for the purposes of elections under the provisions of this Ordinance consists of two or more electoral divisions specified for the purposes of elections under the provisions of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance, the electoral registers for the divisions so specified under the provisions of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance shall be deemed to be the electoral register for the combined division so specified under the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (3) No person who, by reason of circumstances existing on the day of the election, is not, by virtue of the provisions of section 5 or 6 of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance, entitled to have his name entered or retained in a register of electors, shall be entitled to vote at the election and if any such person votes at the election, he shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall affect the liability of any person to any penalty for an infringement of the provisions of section 7 of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance relating to plural voting.

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Section of the Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections Ordinance. Amendments and Modifications.

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- (a) Delete definition of "candidate" and substitute therefor the following:
 - ""candidate" means a person who is nominated as a candidate for election to a seat in the House of Representatives of the Federation of Malaysia;".
- (b) Delete definition of "election" and substitute therefor the following: —

""election" means an election for the purpose

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