

**Science Centre Act  
(CHAPTER 286)**

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## **SCIENCE CENTRE ACT**

### **(CHAPTER 286)**

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An Act to establish the Science Centre Board and for purposes incidental thereto.

[25th September 1970: Sections 1 to 20 ;

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### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Science Centre Act.

### **Interpretation**

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

“Board” means the Science Centre Board established under section 3;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board appointed under section 4 and includes any temporary Chairman so appointed;

“Deputy Chairman” means the Deputy Chairman of the Board appointed under section 4 and includes any temporary Deputy Chairman so appointed;

“financial year” means a period of 12 months beginning on 1st April in any year;

“Science Centre” means the Science Centre established under section 5.

### **Establishment of Science Centre Board**

**3.**—(1) There is hereby established in accordance with the provisions of this Act a body corporate to be called the Science Centre Board.

(2) The Board —

- (a) shall have perpetual succession;
- (b) shall have a common seal; and
- (c) may, subject to the provisions of this Act —
  - (i) acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable;
  - (ii) enter into contracts;
  - (iii) sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
  - (iv) perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

### **Constitution of Board**

**4.**—(1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) a Deputy Chairman; and
- (c) not less than 7 but not more than 15 other members,

all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.

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

(3) The Minister may appoint any person to be a temporary member of the Board during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary

absence from Singapore, of any member of the Board.

(4) The Minister may appoint any member of the Board to be a temporary Chairman or temporary Deputy Chairman during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary absence from Singapore, of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, as the case may be.

(5) The Minister may, at any time, accept the resignation of any member of the Board.

(6) The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and any other member of the Board.

(7) The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership.

### **Duties of Board**

5. It shall be the duty of the Board to establish and maintain a Science Centre for the purpose of —

- (a) exhibiting objects illustrative of the physical sciences, life sciences, applied sciences, technology and industry; and
- (b) promoting the dissemination of knowledge in science and technology.

### **Powers of Board**

6. The Board shall have power for the discharge of its duties under section 5 —

- (a) to carry on all activities, the carrying on of which appears to the Board to be necessary, advantageous or convenient for or in connection with the discharge of its duties;
- (b) to promote the carrying on of any such activities by other bodies or persons;
- (c) to carry on such activities in association with other bodies or persons including the departments of the Government;
- (d) with the approval of the Minister, to acquire, purchase, lease, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description and sell, convey, assign, surrender and yield up, mortgage, demise, reassign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property vested in the Board upon such terms as the Board thinks fit;
- (e) to erect and maintain all necessary buildings for the purposes of the Science Centre;

- (f) to manage the Science Centre;
- (g) to acquire, install and maintain exhibits for the Science Centre;
- (h) to receive donations, grants, gifts of movable or immovable property from any source or raise funds by any lawful means;
- (i) to regulate and control public access to the Science Centre and charge fees for such access;
- (j) to make provision for the specialised training of any officers or employees of the Board and in that connection may offer scholarships to intending trainees or otherwise pay for the course of such training and all expenditure incidental thereto; and
- (k) to enter into contracts, establish trusts and generally regulate transaction of all business connected with the Board.

### **Appointment of officers and employees**

7.—(1) The Board may from time to time appoint and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary to assist the Board in carrying out its functions and may from time to time dismiss them:

Provided that the approval of the Minister shall be obtained in respect of the appointment of the chief administrative officer of the Science Centre.

(2) All officers and employees of the Board shall be under the administrative control of the Board and shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board.

### **Members and officers of Board deemed to be public servants**

8. All members, officers and employees of the Board shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code (Cap. 224).

### **Directions by Minister**

9.—(1) The Minister may give to the Board such directions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as he thinks fit, as to the exercise and performance by the Board of its powers, functions and duties under this Act, and the Board shall give effect to all such directions.

(2) The Board shall furnish the Minister with such information with respect to its property and activities as he may from time to time require.