

**National Theatre Trust Act
(CHAPTER 203)**

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NATIONAL THEATRE TRUST ACT

(CHAPTER 203)

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An Act to establish the National Theatre Trust.

[1st December 1960]

Whereas on the 3rd December 1959 a public appeal was launched by the Government for contributions to a fund for the purpose of building a National Theatre in Singapore as a permanent memorial of the attainment of self-government by the people of Singapore:

And Whereas to this end a fund was raised in Singapore by public subscription to build a National Theatre for the promotion of National Culture:

And Whereas it is expedient to provide by statute for the establishment of a National Theatre Trust, and the appointment of a Board of Trustees and to define the powers and duties of the Board.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the National Theatre Trust Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “Fund” means the National Theatre Trust Fund and includes all subscriptions, donations, bequests, interest and dividends and all other property real or personal heretofore or hereafter received or acquired for the purposes of this Act by the Board mentioned in section 3.

Establishment and incorporation of National Theatre Trust

3. There is hereby constituted in Singapore a body corporate to be known as the National Theatre Trust (referred to in this Act as the Board) which —

- (a) has perpetual succession;
- (b) shall have a common seal; and
- (c) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

Constitution of Board

4.—(1) The Board shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and at least 6 other Trustees to be appointed by the Minister.

(2) All letters of appointment to the Trustees of the Board shall issue from the Minister and the Minister may revoke any appointment at any time without assigning any reason therefor.

(3) The Chairman or in his absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board and has the right to vote on any question coming before or arising at any meeting of the Board.

(4) In the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, such Trustee as the Trustees present may select shall act as Chairman.

(5) The Trustees of the Board hold office for a period of 3 years from the date of their respective appointments or for such lesser period as the Minister may think fit and are eligible for reappointment on completion of that period.

(6) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board by death, resignation, revocation of an appointment under subsection (2) or for any other cause, the Minister shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy and any person so appointed shall hold office so long as the Trustee in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

(7) The quorum at all meetings of the Board is 4 Trustees present and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

(8) All questions coming before or arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of Trustees present and voting thereon at that meeting, and in case of an equality of votes the person presiding at the meeting has a second or casting vote.

(9) The Board shall not be precluded from holding any meeting or acting in any matter merely by reason of any vacancy in its membership.

Disclosure of interest

5.—(1) If a Trustee is directly or indirectly interested in any contract, proposed contract or other matter and is present at a meeting of the Board, or any committee thereof, at which the contract, proposed contract, or other matter is the subject of consideration, he shall, at the meeting and as soon as practicable after it commences, disclose the fact, and shall not thereafter be present during the consideration or discussion of, and shall not vote on any question with respect to, the contract, proposed contract or matter.

(2) Subsection (1) shall also apply to any member of a committee appointed in accordance with section 6(1)(a) when the member is present at a meeting of any