

Quorums of Statutory Boards (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

Bill No. 19/2009.

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QUORUMS OF STATUTORY BOARDS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) ACT 2009

(No. of 2009)

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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A BILL

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An Act to make amendments relating to quorums at meetings to various Acts establishing statutory boards.

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

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Quorums of Statutory Boards (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2009 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

5 Amendments to written laws

2. The provisions of the Acts specified in the first column of the Schedule are amended in the manner set out in the second column thereof.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 2

AMENDMENTS TO WRITTEN LAWS RELATING TO QUORUMS AT MEETINGS

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<p>1. Agency for Science, Technology and Research Act (Chapter 5A, 2002 Ed.) First Schedule, paragraph 14</p>	<p>Delete sub-paragraph (2) and substitute the following sub-paragraph: “(2) The quorum at every meeting of the Agency shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>
<p>2. Building and Construction Authority Act (Chapter 30A, 2000 Ed.) Section 7</p>	<p>Delete subsection (1) and substitute the following subsection: “(1) The quorum at every meeting of the Authority shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>

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<p>3. Casino Control Act (Chapter 33A, 2007 Ed.) The Schedule, paragraph 14</p>	<p>Delete sub-paragraph (2) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The quorum at every meeting of the Authority shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>
<p>4. Civil Service College Act (Chapter 45, 2002 Ed.) Section 9</p>	<p>Delete subsection (1) and substitute the following subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(1) The quorum at every meeting of the Board shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>
<p>5. Defence Science and Technology Agency Act (Chapter 75A, 2001 Ed.) First Schedule, paragraph 12</p>	<p>Delete sub-paragraph (2) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The quorum at every meeting of the board shall be one-third of the total number of directors or 3 directors, whichever is the higher.”.</p>
<p>6. Economic Development Board Act (Chapter 85, 2001 Ed.) Section 5</p>	<p>Delete subsection (2) and substitute the following subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The quorum at every meeting of the Board shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>

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<p>7. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Act (Chapter 141, 1985 Ed.)</p> <p>Section 6(2)</p>	<p>Delete the word “Seven” and substitute the word “Eight”.</p>
<p>8. Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 158A, 1996 Ed.)</p> <p>First Schedule, paragraph 12</p>	<p>Delete sub-paragraph (2) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The quorum at every meeting of the Authority shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>
<p>9. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 170A, 1997 Ed.)</p> <p>First Schedule, paragraph 12</p>	<p>Delete sub-paragraph (2) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The quorum at every meeting of the Authority shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>
<p>10. Media Development Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 172, 2003 Ed.)</p> <p>Section 9</p>	<p>Delete subsection (1) and substitute the following subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(1) The quorum at every meeting of the Authority shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>

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<p>11. People’s Association Act (Chapter 227, 2000 Ed.)</p> <p>Section 6</p>	<p>Insert, immediately after subsection (8), the following subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(8A) The quorum at every meeting of the Board shall be 5 members of the Board, and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.”.</p>
<p>12. Public Utilities Act (Chapter 261, 2002 Ed.)</p> <p>First Schedule, paragraph 12</p>	<p>Delete sub-paragraph (1) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(1) The quorum at every meeting of the Board shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher; and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.”.</p>
<p>13. Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises Act (Chapter 298, 1985 Ed.)</p> <p>Section 6</p>	<p>Delete subsection (2) and substitute the following subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The quorum at every meeting of the Corporation shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>
<p>14. Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board Act (Chapter 303A, 2002 Ed.)</p> <p>First Schedule, paragraph 13</p>	<p>Delete sub-paragraph (3) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(3) The quorum at every meeting of the Board shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p>

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| <p>15. Singapore Workforce Development Agency Act
(Chapter 305D, 2004 Ed.)</p> <p>Section 9</p> | <p>Delete subsection (1) and substitute the following subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(1) The quorum at every meeting of the Agency shall be one-third of the total number of members.”.</p> |
| <p>16. Urban Redevelopment Authority Act
(Chapter 340, 1990 Ed.)</p> <p>First Schedule, paragraph 12</p> | <p>Delete sub-paragraph (2) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The quorum at every meeting of the Authority shall be one-third of the total number of members or 3 members, whichever is the higher.”.</p> |

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend various Acts which established statutory boards —

- (a) to provide, in the case of the People’s Association, for the quorum for a meeting of its Board of Management;
- (b) to increase the quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies from 7 to 8;
- (c) to provide, in the case of the Singapore Workforce Development Agency, that the quorum at a meeting of the Agency is to be one-third of the total number of members; and
- (d) to provide, in the case of the other statutory boards, that the quorum at a meeting of each statutory board or (in the case of the Defence Science and Technology Agency and the Civil Service College) its board of directors is to be one-third of the total number of members or directors, or 3 members or directors, whichever is the higher.

The purpose of the amendments in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) is to ensure that the quorum is not too small and is commensurate with the actual number of members or directors.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.
