Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 31/2019.

Read the first time on 7 October 2019.

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An Act to amend the Judges' Remuneration Act (Chapter 147 of the 1995 Revised Edition).

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 is the Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Judges' Remuneration Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words "Judges of the Supreme Court" and substituting the words "Supreme Court Judges".

Amendment of section 1A

3. Section 1A of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "a Judge of Appeal" in the definition of "judicial office" and substituting the words "a Justice of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Appellate Division".

Amendment of section 2

- 4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "every Judge of Appeal and every other Judge of the Supreme Court" in subsection (1) and substituting the words "every Justice of the Court of Appeal, every Judge of the Appellate Division and every Judge of the High Court"; and
 - (b) by deleting the words "Judge of the Supreme Court" in subsections (2) and (3) and substituting in each case the words "Supreme Court Judge".

Amendment of section 4

5. Section 4(7) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "of the Supreme Court" in paragraphs (b) and (c).

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Judges' Remuneration Act (Cap. 147) in consequence of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill 2019. Specifically, the Act is amended —

- (a) to reflect the renaming of the permanent judges of the Court of Appeal as Justices of the Court of Appeal; and
- (b) to enable the Minister to provide for the remuneration of the new class of permanent judges of the Appellate Division of the High Court, who are known as Judges of the Appellate Division.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

This Bill will involve the Government in extra financial expenditure, the exact amount of which cannot at present be ascertained.