

Society of Saint Maur Incorporation (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 28/2023.

Read the first time on 3 August 2023.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance 1923.

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

Short title

1. This Act is the Society of Saint Maur Incorporation (Amendment) Act 2023.

Amendment of section 2

5 2. In the Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance 1923 (called in this Act the principal Act), in section 2 —

(a) after “Saint Maur”, insert “appointed for Singapore and”;
and

10 (b) replace “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang” with “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus”.

Amendment of section 3

3. In the principal Act, in section 3, after “Saint Maur”, insert “appointed for Singapore”.

Amendment of section 4

15 4. In the principal Act, in section 4, after “Saint Maur”, insert “for Singapore”.

Amendment of section 5

5. In the principal Act, in section 5(2) —

20 (a) after “Saint Maur”, insert “appointed for Singapore”; and

(b) after “her successor”, insert “for Singapore”.

Deletion of section 6

6. In the principal Act, delete section 6.

Replacement of section 7

25 7. In the principal Act, replace section 7 with —

“Saving provision relating to change of name

7.—(1) As from the date of publication in the *Gazette* of the Society of Saint Maur Incorporation (Amendment) Act 2023, any reference in any written law or document to the Corporation by the name “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang” is to be read as a reference to the Corporation by the name “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus”.

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(2) The change of name of the Corporation from “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang” to “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus” does not affect the identity of the Corporation or any rights or obligations of the Corporation or render defective any legal proceedings by or against the Corporation, and any legal proceedings that might have been continued or commenced by or against it by its former name may be continued or commenced by or against it by its new name.”.

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Deletion of First, Second and Third Schedules

8. In the principal Act, delete the First, Second and Third Schedules.

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Saving of President’s and other rights

9. Nothing in this Act affects the rights of the President, all bodies, politic and corporate, and all others except such as are mentioned in this Act, and those claiming by, from or under them.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Society of Saint Maur Incorporation Ordinance 1923 (the Ordinance) mainly to change the name of The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang (the Corporation).

Clause 1 relates to the short title.

Clause 2 changes the name of the Corporation to “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus”. It also clarifies that it is the successor of the Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur appointed for Singapore who is the body corporate. There is no change to the identity of the Corporation, as clarified by the new section 7 inserted by clause 7.

Clauses 3, 4 and 5 amend sections 3, 4 and 5(2), respectively, so that the Ordinance refers to the successor of the Lady Superior in Penang of the Society of Saint Maur who is appointed for Singapore, and not any other successor of the Lady Superior.

Clause 6 deletes section 6 which is no longer needed as it has taken effect.

Clause 7 replaces section 7 which has taken effect with a new section 7 to provide, for the avoidance of doubt, that any written law or document, such as a Certificate of Title, that refers to the Corporation by the name “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Penang” is to be read as a reference to the Corporation by its new name “The Lady Superior of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus”, and provides for all rights and obligations, etc., in respect of the Corporation to continue.

Clause 8 deletes the First, Second and Third Schedules pursuant to the deletion of sections 6 and 7.

Clause 9 preserves the rights of the President, and of all bodies, politic and corporate. Standing Order 87(2) requires this of all private Bills.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

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