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# **Parliamentary Elections (Temporary Suspension of Overseas Voting) Bill**

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**Bill No. 44/2001.**

*Read the first time on 5th October 2001.*

A BILL

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An Act to provide for the temporary suspension of provisions in the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218 of the 2001 Revised Edition) relating to registration of overseas electors and overseas voting.

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 Parliamentary Elections (Temporary Suspension of Overseas Voting) Act 2001 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 26th September 2001.

### **Temporary suspension of registration of overseas electors and overseas voting provisions** 5

**2.** Sections 5 (1A), 6 (1A), 10 (4), 11 (2B), 13A, 34 (6) (c), 34A (6) (c), 36A (2), 39 (2A), 39A, 48A (2) and 49A of the Parliamentary Elections Act shall cease to have effect until polling day of the first general election after the date of commencement of this Act. 10

### **Validation of non-registration of overseas electors**

**3.** No legal proceedings shall lie or be instituted against the Registration Officer for or on account of any act or decision —

- (a) not to register any person as an overseas elector under the Parliamentary Elections Act; or 15
- (b) not to include in any register of electors the name of any person referred to in section 5 (1A) of the Parliamentary Elections Act,

that is done or taken during the period beginning on 26th September 2001 and ending on the date the registers of electors that were opened 20 for public inspection on 28th September 2001 are certified under that Act.

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### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Bill seeks to suspend for a temporary period the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) relating to the registration of non-resident citizens as overseas electors and the conduct of polls at overseas polling stations established under that Act. The Bill is deemed to have come into operation on 26th September 2001 and the suspension will remain in force until polling day of the first general election following its enactment.

### **EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY**

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

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