

Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 25/2024.

Read the first time on 6 August 2024.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.

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 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2024 and comes into operation on a date that the President appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of Article 106

2. In the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (called in this Act the Constitution), in Article 106(1) —

(a) in paragraph (d), delete “or” at the end; and

(b) after paragraph (d), insert —

10 “(da) a member of any platform work association or of any body or association affiliated to a platform work association; or”.

Amendment of Article 110D

3. In the Constitution, in Article 110D(6) —

15 (a) in paragraph (b), delete “or” at the end; and

(b) after paragraph (b), insert —

“(ba) a member of any platform work association or of any body or association affiliated to a platform work association; or”.

20 Amendment of Article 111C

4. In the Constitution, in Article 111C —

(a) in paragraph (d), delete “or” at the end; and

(b) after paragraph (d), insert —

25 “(da) a member of any platform work association or of any body or association affiliated to a platform work association; or”.

Amendment of Article 111K

5. In the Constitution, in Article 111K —

(a) in paragraph (d), delete “or” at the end; and

(b) after paragraph (d), insert —

“(da) a member of any platform work association or of any body or association affiliated to a platform work association; or”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore to provide that persons who are members of platform work associations, or any body or association affiliated to a platform work association, are disqualified from being appointed to the Public Service Commission (PSC), personnel boards established under Article 110D, the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) and the Legal Service Commission (LSC). These amendments arise from the registration and recognition of platform work associations under the Platform Workers Act 2024.

Clause 1 relates to the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 amends Article 106(1) to provide that a person who is a member of a platform work association, or any body or association affiliated to a platform work association, must not be appointed as a member of the PSC. Also, the appointment of a member of the PSC ceases if that person becomes a member of a platform work association or any body or association affiliated to a platform work association.

Clause 3 amends Article 110D(6) to provide that a person who is a member of a platform work association, or any body or association affiliated to a platform work association, must not be appointed as a member of a personnel board. Also, the appointment of a member of a personnel board ceases if that person becomes a member of a platform work association or any body or association affiliated to a platform work association.

The same disqualifications apply in relation to a member of the JSC (by clause 4 which amends Article 111C) and in relation to a member of the LSC (by clause 5 which amends Article 111K).

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

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