SINGAPORE

1954 No. 1377

The Singapore Colony (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1954

Made - - - -	19*th October*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	23*rd October*, 1954
Coming into Operation	25*th October*, 1954

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of October, 1954

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by the Singapore Colony Orders in Council, 1946 to 1953(**a**), as amended by the Singapore Colony (Amendment) (No. 2) Order in Council, 1953(**b**), (which Orders are hereinafter together referred to as "the existing Orders") there is established a Legislative Council for the Colony of Singapore:

And Whereas it is proposed that in due course, in place of the aforesaid Legislative Council, there should be established for the Colony a Legislative Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "the proposed Legislative Assembly") containing twenty-five elected members in addition to certain other members:

And Whereas it is expedient that, for the avoidance of delay in constituting the proposed Legislative Assembly, the Legislature of the Colony established by the existing Orders should be empowered to make provision for the election of members to the proposed Legislative Assembly, notwithstanding that the same has not yet been established by Order of Her Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in that behalf by the British Settlements Acts, 1887 and 1945(**c**), and by the Straits Settlements (Repeal) Act, 1946(**d**), or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Singapore Colony (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1954.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-fifth day of October, 1954.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1946/464, S.I. 1948/341, 863 (Rev. XXI, p. 9: 1946 I, p. 1539; 1948 I, pp. 3990, 3993), S.I. 1950/2099, 1951/1945, 1952/1040, 2037, 1953/1475 (1950 II, p. 859; 1951 II, p. 661; 1952 III, pp. 2972, 2974; 1953 II, p. 1942).

(**b**) S.I 1953/1476 (1953 II, p. 1944).

(**c**) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54 and 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7. (**d**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 37.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "the Colony" means the Colony of Singapore as constituted by the Singapore Colony Order in Council, 1946(a).

Provision for election of members to proposed Legislative Assembly

3.—(1) Provision may be made, by or in pursuance of any law enacted under the existing Orders, for the election of twenty-five members to the proposed Legislative Assembly, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power) the following matters, that is to say:—

(*a*) the qualifications and disqualifications of electors;

(*b*) the registration of electors;

(*c*) the ascertainment of the qualifications of persons who submit themselves for election;

(*d*) the establishment in the Colony or any part thereof of electoral districts (by whatever name called) for the purpose of returning members to the proposed Legislative Assembly; and the division of electoral districts for any purpose connected with elections;

(*e*) the holding of elections;

(*f*) the determination of any question which may arise as to the right of any person to be or remain an Elected Member of the proposed Legislative Assembly;

(*g*) the definition and trial of offences relating to elections and the imposition of penalties therefor, including disqualification for membership of the proposed Legislative Assembly, or for registration as an elector, or for voting at elections, of any person concerned in any such offence; and

(*h*) the disqualification for election as members of the proposed Legislative Assembly of persons holding, or acting in, any office the functions of which involve any responsibility for, or in connection with, the conduct of any election or the compilation or revision of any electoral register.

(2) No election of members to the proposed Legislative Assembly shall be held under any law enacted in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section until provision shall have been made by Order of Her Majesty in Council for the establishment of the proposed Legislative Assembly and that provision shall have come into operation; but registration of electors in pursuance of any such law may take place at any time after the commencement of this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order enables the Legislature of the Colony of Singapore to make provision for the election of members to a new Legislative Assembly which it is proposed should hereafter be established for the Colony, and enables registration of electors in pursuance of any such provision to take place.

(a) S.R. & O. 1946/464 (Rev. XXI, p. 9: 1946 I, p. 1539).