

Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 3/2002.

Read the first time on 4th April 2002.

A BILL

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5 An Act to amend the Parliamentary Pensions Act (Chapter 219 of the 1996 Revised Edition).

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Act 2002.

Amendment of section 2

- 5 2. Section 2(1) of the Parliamentary Pensions Act is amended —
- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “future Member”, the following definition:
- ““Mayor” means a Mayor appointed under rules made under the People’s Association Act (Cap. 227);”;
- 10 (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “Minister of State,” in the 3rd line of the definition of “office”, the word “Mayor,”.

Amendment of section 6

- 15 3. Section 6(2) of the Parliamentary Pensions Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “reckonable service as a” in the 1st line of paragraph (c), the word “Mayor,”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Parliamentary Pensions Act (Cap. 219) for the following purposes:

- (a) to enable service in the office of Mayor (whether before or after the commencement of the Bill) to be reckoned for the purposes of qualifying for what is commonly known as an office-holder’s pension under section 4 of the Act (clause 2); and
- (b) to enable a Member of Parliament who has served an insufficient number of reckonable years of service in an office to qualify for an office-holder’s pension to convert his service in that office to qualify for a Member of Parliament’s pension under section 3 of the Act (clause 3).

Clause 1 relates to the short title.

Clause 2 amends the definition of “office” in section 2(1) to include the office of Mayor. This is to enable service in the office of Mayor (whether before or after the commencement of the Bill) to be reckoned for the purposes of qualifying for what is commonly known as office-holder’s pension under section 4 of the Act.

Clause 3 amends section 6(2)(c) to enable a Member of Parliament (other than a future member as defined in the Act) who has insufficient years of service in an office to qualify for an office-holder's pension to convert his service in that office to qualify for a Member of Parliament's pension under section 3 of the Act. For every year of reckonable service as a Mayor, there would be added to the Member's period of service two-thirds of a year of reckonable service as a Member of Parliament.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

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