



## ANALYSIS

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## 1966, No. 4

**An Act to make provision as to the operation of the law in relation to Singapore, and persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Singapore, in view of Singapore's having separated from Malaysia and having become a Republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth**  
*[2 September 1966]*

WHEREAS on the sixteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and sixty-three, Singapore became part of Malaysia: And whereas on that date Her Majesty the Queen ceased to have sovereignty or jurisdiction in respect of Singapore: And whereas on the ninth day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty-five, Singapore separated from Malaysia and became a Republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**1. Short Title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Republic of Singapore Act 1966.

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the ninth day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty-five.

**2. Existing law to apply as if Singapore had not become a Republic—**(1) All existing law—that is to say, all law which, whether it is a rule of law or a provision of an Act of any Parliament or a provision of any other enactment or instrument whatsoever, has come into force or been passed or made before the commencement of this Act—shall, until provision to the contrary is made by the authority having power to alter that law, have the same operation in relation to Singapore, and to persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Singapore, as it would have had if Singapore had not become a Republic.

(2) This section extends to law of, or any part of, New Zealand or any of the territories referred to in section 3 of this Act.

**3. Application of Act to Niue and Tokelau Islands—**

(1) This Act shall be in force in the following territories:

(a) Niue:

(b) The Tokelau Islands.

(2) The First Schedule to the Cook Islands Amendment Act 1964 is hereby amended by adding the following words:

“1966, No. 4—

The Republic of Singapore Act 1966 | The whole Act.”

**4. Consequential amendment—**The reference in section 2 of the Malaysia Act 1963 to “the new States” shall, on and after the commencement of this Act, be read as a reference to North Borneo and Sarawak.

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This Act is administered in the Department of External Affairs.

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