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An Act to amend the Rukun Tetangga Act 2012.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Rukun Tetangga (Amendment) Act 2026.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. The Rukun Tetangga Act 2012 [*Act 751*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in section 2 by inserting after the definition of “Minister” the following definition:

“person who has interest”, in relation to an Area, means a person—

(a) who owns or has any type of property, whether residential, commercial, industrial or agricultural property or otherwise in the Area;

- (b) who carries on a business in the Area, or is employed or has a place of employment in the Area;
- (c) who holds any position in any organization, association, institution or body which is established in the Area or which operates or carries out activities in the Area; or
- (d) who has a family relationship with any resident in the Area.’.

Amendment of section 3

3. Subsection 3(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the words “a public servant” the words “performing the duties of the head of the department charged with the responsibility for Rukun Tetangga”.

Amendment of section 7

4. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) by substituting for the words “such number of persons” the words “such number of members”; and
- (ii) by substituting for the words “, persons who have interest in the Area and other persons, as may be approved by the Director” the words “or persons who have interest in the Area”;

(b) in subsection (3)—

- (i) by substituting for the words “A person” the words “A resident or person who has interest”;
- (ii) by inserting after the words “Rukun Tetangga Area Committee” the words “under subsection (1)”;

(iii) in paragraph (d), by deleting the words “or a permanent resident”;

(c) in subsection (4)—

(i) by substituting for the words “two years” the words “three years in respect of the same Area”; and

(ii) by substituting for the words “three consecutive terms unless with the approval of the Director General” the words “two consecutive terms”; and

(d) by inserting after subsection (4) the following subsection:

“(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), a person who ceases to be a member of the Rukun Tetangga Area Committee upon the expiry of his appointment for two consecutive terms under subsection (4) may, with the approval of the Director General, be reappointed for a further period not exceeding one term immediately after the expiry of his reappointment.”.

Substitution of section 9

5. The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 9 the following section:

“Revocation of appointment and resignation

9. (1) The appointment of a member of a Rukun Tetangga Area Committee under subsection 7(1) or of a member of a Rukun Tetangga Area Committee as the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Treasurer of a Rukun Tetangga Area Committee under subsection 7(2) may at any time be revoked by the Director.

(2) A member of a Rukun Tetangga Area Committee appointed under subsection 7(1) may at any time resign his office by giving notice in writing to the Director.

(3) A member of a Rukun Tetangga Area Committee appointed under subsection 7(2) as the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Treasurer of the Rukun Tetangga Area Committee may at any time resign his office as the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Treasurer by giving notice in writing to the Director.”.

Amendment of section 15

6. Subsection 15(1) of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “twenty residents of the Area of not less than eighteen years of age” the words “twenty persons, each of whom is a citizen and has attained the age of eighteen years and is either a resident or person who has interest in the Area”.

Amendment of section 17

7. Subsection 17(1) of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “A resident in an Area or a person who has interest in the Area or a person who has been approved by a Director” the words “A resident or person who has interest in an Area, and who is a citizen”.

Amendment of section 23

8. Subsection 23(2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “or an employee not falling within the definition of that Act or that Ordinance whose wages per month exceed two thousand five hundred ringgit but do not exceed five thousand ringgit”.

Saving

9. (1) A member of a Rukun Tetangga Area Committee who is a permanent resident appointed immediately before the date of coming into operation of this Act shall, on the date of coming into operation of this Act, continue to be a member of the Rukun Tetangga Area Committee until his appointment is revoked or expires.

(2) A member of a Voluntary Patrolling Scheme who is not a citizen and whose membership has been approved immediately before the date of coming into operation of this Act shall, on the date of coming into operation of this Act, continue to be a member of the Voluntary Patrolling Scheme until his membership is terminated.