

Singapore

Background	Name of EMB:	Elections Department of Singapore (ELD)
	Status:	Permanent
	Number of commissioners:	None specified
	Number of full-time EMB staff:	28 civil servants
Establishment of the EMB	Constitutional and/or legislative provisions for establishment of the EMB:	None specified
	EMB's mandate:	<p>ELD has the responsibility of planning and preparing for, and managing the conduct of, presidential and parliamentary elections and of any national referendum in Singapore. The department has under its purview the Registry of Political Donations (RPD). The RPD administers the Political Donations Act, the objective of which is to prevent foreign interference in the domestic politics of Singapore through funding. ELD's work extends beyond the period of elections. Between elections, ELD must ensure that the registers of electors are up-to-date, so as to be ready for any election called at any time. ELD develops and maintains voter information programmes to promote public understanding and awareness of Singapore's electoral system and voting processes. Its responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training of election officials; • maintaining and updating the registers of electors; • planning for election staff, premises, logistical and other related requirements for the conduct of elections; • informing the public about the electoral system and voting processes; • ensuring all electors have access to the electoral system and voting processes; • administering the Political Donations Act and campaign spending rules; and • providing secretarial service to any appointed committee responsible for recommending changes to electoral boundaries.
	EMB model:	ELD is a department under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

	What standards are established in the constitution or other legislation for democratic legitimacy?	None specified
Appointment, tenure and removals	Provisions for the appointment of commissioners:	None specified
	Political status of commissioners:	None specified
	Chair qualifications:	None specified
	Commissioner qualifications:	None specified
	Tenure of chair and commissioners:	None specified
	Provisions for the removal of commissioners:	None specified
	Provisions for the appointment of EMB senior staff:	None specified
	Tenure of EMB senior staff:	None specified
	Provisions for the removal of EMB senior staff:	None specified
	Setting and control of EMB's budget:	Funded as a government department.
Funding arrangements	Financial autonomy:	None specified
	Legal provisions for financial autonomy:	None specified
Electoral system	Number of chambers/houses within the legislature:	Unicameral.
	Voting system:	First-past-the-post (FPTP)
	Amendments to electoral laws:	Power to make and amend laws lies with parliament.
	Drafting of electoral regulations:	The EMB works like other government departments in proposing changes to laws.
	Electoral dispute resolution mechanisms:	Provisions are covered in election legislation, namely the Parliamentary Elections Act and Presidential Elections Act.
Other issues:		
Secretariat	Administrative autonomy:	ELD functions like other government departments.
	Women in senior positions:	None specified
	Administrative structure:	None specified