

## FACTSHEETS

### (A) BACKGROUND ON ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The Elections Department of Singapore (ELD) is a department under the Prime Minister's Office. It has the responsibility of preparing for and managing the conduct of Presidential and Parliamentary elections and any national referendum in Singapore.

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. Its other responsibilities include:


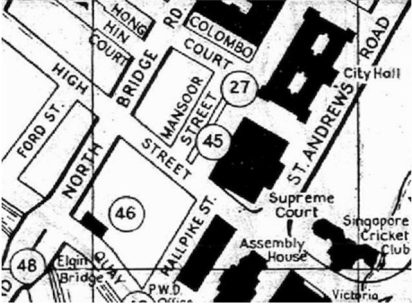



- Training of election officials
- Maintaining and updating the registers of electors
- Planning for election manpower, premises, logistical and other related requirements for the conduct of elections
- Informing the public about the electoral system and voting processes
- Ensuring all electors have access to the electoral system and voting processes
- Administering the Political Donations Act and campaign spending rules
- Providing secretariat support to any appointed committee responsible for recommending changes to electoral boundaries and election committees such as the Presidential Elections Committee and Community Committee

#### History of Elections Department

ELD's history dates back to 1947 when it was established under the Chief Secretary's Office, at the time when Singapore was still a British Colony. Subsequently, the Department was placed under the Ministry of Home Affairs, followed by the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, and is currently under the Prime Minister's Office. In 2003, the Department was expanded to include the Registry of Political Donations.

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### ELD Offices Through the Years





<p>1947</p>	<p>Fullerton Building</p> <p>1947 – 1950: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 1950 – 1952: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor</p> <p>Today's Fullerton Hotel</p>	 <p>1940s</p>
<p>1952</p>	<p>Singapore Improvement Trust Building</p> <p>Mansoor Street (expunged)</p>	
<p>1953</p>	<p>Fullerton Building 5<sup>th</sup> Floor</p>	 <p>1940s</p>
<p>1957</p>	<p>Fort Canning</p> <p>Building has been demolished</p>	
<p>1962</p>	<p>Empress Place Building</p> <p>Today's Asian Civilisations Museum</p>	 <p>1980s</p>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/photographs/record-details/d539f30f-1161-11e3-83d5-0050568939ad>

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1965	Halifax Road	
1970	City Hall Today's National Gallery of Singapore	 1984
1987	Treasury Building (Today's Temasek Tower)	 1993
1994	Prinsep Street (Today's Prinsep Link)	

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## **Vision, Mission, Corporate Goal, Core Values**

### **Vision**

Our vision is to be a dynamic and innovative organisation which values its people, always striving for quality and accountability in delivering electoral services and in promoting and sustaining our citizens' trust and confidence in Singapore's democratic process.

### **Mission**

We are a professional election administrator committed to preparing and organising the public service to efficiently conduct free and fair elections in Singapore.

### **Corporate Goal**

Our corporate goal is to uphold the integrity of the democratic process in Singapore through:

- Strict and faithful adherence to all legal requirements for the conduct of elections;
- Maintenance of accurate registers of electors which are readily accessible and available for use;
- Provision of necessary information and suitable facilities to enable voters to cast their votes in secret according to their informed choices;
- Impartial and transparent administration of election finance laws; and
- Delivery of responsive and courteous services to all customers.

### **Core Values**

- Teamwork
- Integrity and Impartiality
- Passion
- Service Excellence

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## (B) ELECTIONS IN SINGAPORE FROM 1947 - 2017

### (a) Pre-independence

S/N	Year Of Election	Election
1	1948	Legislative Council Election
2	1948	Legislative Council By-Election
3	1949	Municipal Election
4	1949	Municipal Election
5	1950	Municipal Election
6	1951	Legislative Council Election
7	1951	City Council Election
8	1952	City Council Election
9	1952	Legislative Council By-Election
10	1953	City Council Election
11	1955	Legislative Assembly General Election
12	1957	City Council Election
13	1957	Legislative Assembly By-Election (Cairnhill)
14	1957	Legislative Assembly By-Election (Tanjong Pagar)
15	1958	City Council By-Election
16	1959	Legislative Assembly General Election
17	1961	Legislative Assembly By-Election (Hong Lim)
18	1961	Legislative Assembly By-Election (Anson)
19	1962	National Referendum
20	1963	Legislative Assembly General Election
21	1965	Legislative Assembly By-Election (Hong Lim)
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>21</b>

### (b) Post-independence

S/N	Year Of Election	Election
1	1966	By-Election (Bukit Merah)
2	1966	By-Election (Chua Chu Kang)
3	1966	By-Election (Crawford)
4	1966	By-Election (Paya Lebar)
5	1966	By-Election (Bukit Timah)
6	1966	By-Election (Joo Cjia)
7	1966	By-Election (Jurong)
8	1967	By-Election (Bukit Panjang)
9	1967	By-Election (Havelock)
10	1967	By-Election (Jalan Kayu)
11	1967	By-Election (Tampines)
12	1967	By-Election (Thomson)
13	1968	General Election
14	1970	By-Election (Delta)

15	1970	By-Election (Havelock)
16	1970	By-Election (Kampong Kapor)
17	1970	By-Election (Ulu Pandan)
18	1970	By-Election (Whampoa)
19	1972	General Election
20	1976	General Election
21	1977	By-Election (Radin Mas)
22	1977	By-Election (Bukit Merah)
23	1979	By-Election (Anson)
24	1979	By-Election (Geylang West)
25	1979	By-Election (Mountbatten)
26	1979	By-Election (Nee Soon)
27	1979	By-Election (Potong Pasir)
28	1979	By-Election (Sembawang)
29	1979	By-Election (Telok Blangah)
30	1980	General Election
31	1981	By-Election (Anson)
32	1984	General Election
33	1988	General Election
34	1991	General Election
35	1992	By-Election (Marine Parade)
36	1993	Presidential Election
37	1997	General Election
38	1999	Presidential Election
39	2001	General Election
40	2005	Presidential Election
41	2006	General Election
42	2011	General Election
43	2011	Presidential Election
44	2012	By-Election (Hougang)
45	2013	By-Election (Punggol East)
46	2015	General Election
47	2016	By-Election (Bukit Batok)
48	2017	Presidential Election
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>

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**(C) VOTER TURNOUT IN SINGAPORE**

S/N	Year of Election	Type of Election	Voter Turnout (%)
1	1968	General Election	91.87%
2	1970	By-Election (Kampong Kapor)	84.12%
3	1970	By-Election (Ulu Pandan)	86.28%
4	1972	General Election	93.55%
5	1976	General Election	95.08%
6	1977	By-Election (Radin Mas)	97.40%
7	1977	By-Election (Bukit Merah)	97.31%
8	1979	By-Election (Anson)	86.22%
9	1979	By-Election (Mountbatten)	94.94%
10	1979	By-Election (Potong Pasir)	94.20%
11	1979	By-Election (Sembawang)	94.62%
12	1979	By-Election (Telok Blangah)	94.99%
13	1980	General Election	95.50%
14	1981	By-Election (Anson)	94.72%
15	1984	General Election	95.65%
16	1988	General Election	94.70%
17	1991	General Election	95.03%
18	1992	By-Election (Marine Parade)	92.50%
19	1993	Presidential Election	94.48%
20	1997	General Election	95.51%
21	1999	Presidential Election	Uncontested
22	2001	General Election	94.61%
23	2005	Presidential Election	Uncontested
24	2006	General Election	94.04%
25	2011	General Election	93.18%
26	2011	Presidential Election	94.80%
27	2012	By-Election (Hougang)	94.05%
28	2013	By-Election (Punggol East)	94.34%
29	2015	General Election	93.70%
30	2016	By-Election (Bukit Batok)	94.16%
31	2017	Presidential Election	Uncontested