

Forum on the Reforms to the Elected Presidency System

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SESSION ONE
The Proposed Reforms

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Reforms to the Elected Presidency: Council of Presidential Advisors

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Current

6 Nominees

2 by President

2 by Prime Minister

1 by Chief Justice

1 by Chairman of the PSC

Proposed

8 Nominees

3 by President

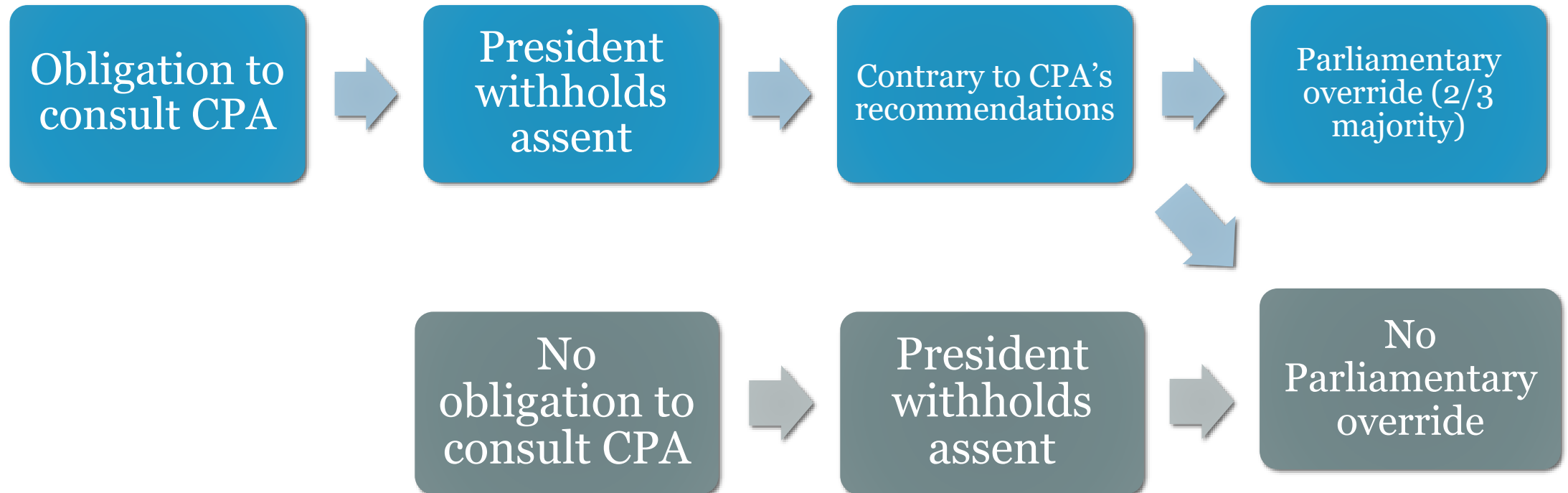
3 by Prime Minister

1 by Chief Justice

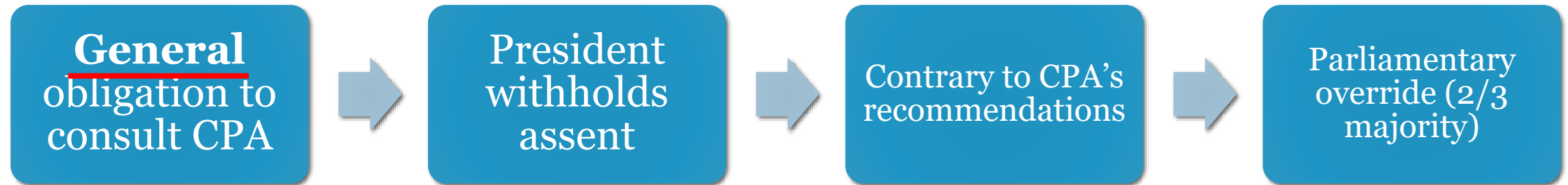
1 by Chairman of the PSC

President nominates one member to be Chairman of CPA

Current Framework



Proposed New Framework



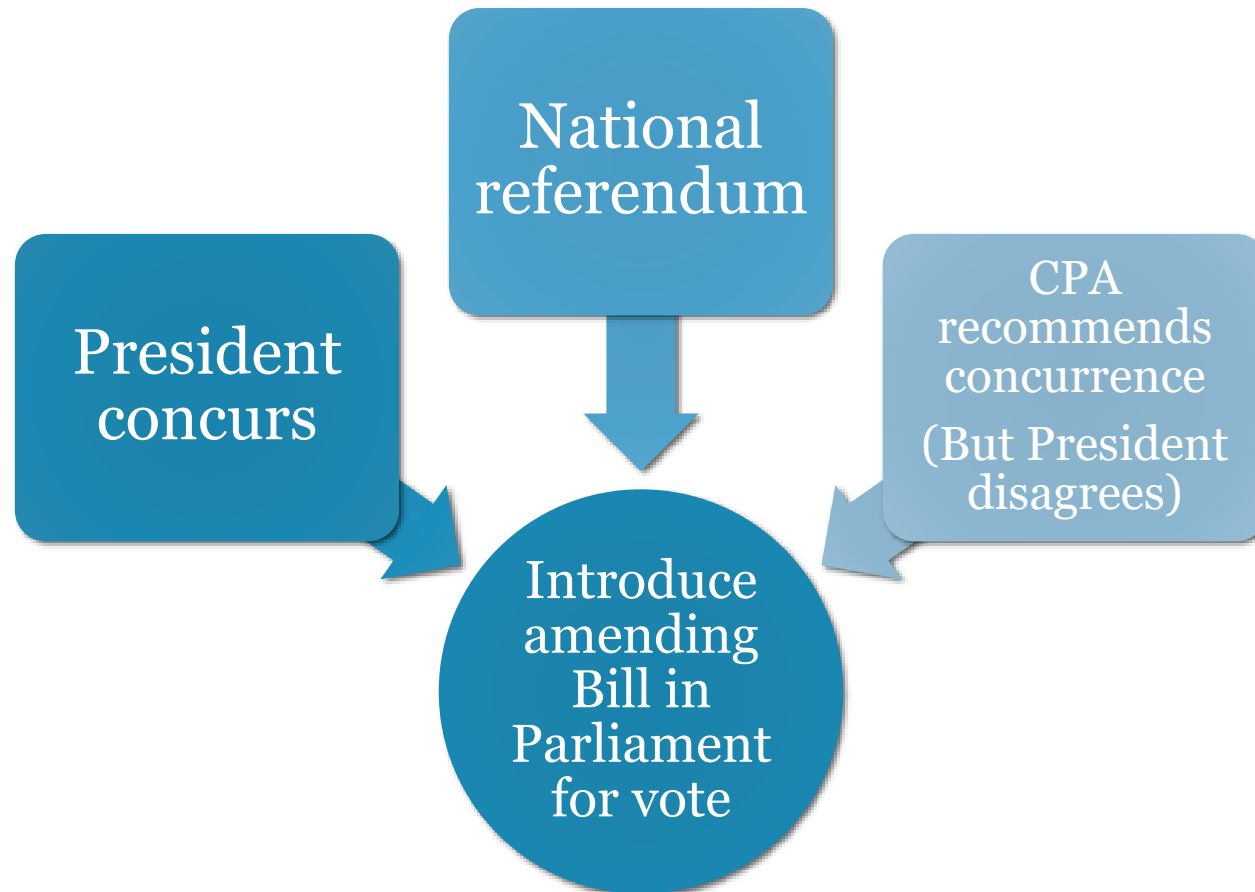
Except discretionary powers concerning CPIB investigations, MRHA restraining orders, & preventive detention, as well as traditional powers

Additional Role in Entrenchment / Amendment Provisions

Constitutional amendments

Art 5A: provisions *establishing* Presidency

Art 5B: provisions relating to *office* and *discretionary powers*



Improving Accountability

Procedure

- Quorum of 5
- Decision by majority

Content

- Grounds for recommendation
- Whether unanimous or tally of votes for and against

Publication

- Speaker to present recommendation in Parliament (for Supply Bills)
- President to provide recommendation to Prime Minister or Chairman of Fifth Schedule entity, where relevant

Improving Quality & Expertise

Current Qualification Criteria

- Citizen
- Not less than 35 years old
- Resident of Singapore
- Not disqualified

Additional Considerations

- Person of integrity, good character, and reputation
- Has expertise and experience relevant to the CPA's functions

Concluding Reflections

THANK YOU

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