

**Companies (Amendment) Bill 2018**  
**Debate and voting arrangements**

**Object of the Bill :** To amend the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) (“the Ordinance”) to:

- (a) improve the operation of the accounts provisions;
- (b) expand the types of companies within the reporting exemption; and
- (c) provide for miscellaneous and related matters.

<b>First debate</b>	<b>: Clauses with no amendment</b>	<b>– Clauses 1 to 32, 35, 36, 38 to 59, 61, 62, 63, 65 to 84, 87 to 91 and 93 to 115</b>
<b>Voting</b>	<b>: To vote on the above clauses standing part of the Bill</b>	
<b>Second debate</b>	<b>: Clauses with amendments proposed by Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (“SFST”)</b>	<b>– Clauses 33, 34, 37, 60, 64, 85, 86 and 92</b>
Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments.		
<b>Debate theme: Textual and technical amendments</b>		
<b>Clauses 33, 34, 37, 60, 85, 86 and 92</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The amendments seek to make textual or technical changes to the proposed sections in the above clauses to align the English and Chinese versions of the provisions or enhance the clarity of the provisions.</li> </ul>		
<b>Clause 64</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The amendment seeks to amend the proposed section 619(4)(b)(i) of the Ordinance in clause 64(5) of the Bill by deleting the reference to section 153C(3) of the predecessor Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32), which is related to the written record of decisions of the sole director of a private company, to the effect that section 153C(3) is not applicable to the exemption specified in section 619(4)(b) of the Ordinance (i.e. a company is not required to notify the Registrar of Companies of the place at which its records of resolutions and meetings, etc. are kept, if the company meets certain conditions).</li> </ul>		
<b>Voting</b>	<b>: To vote on the above amendments, and then the original clauses or the clauses as amended standing part of the Bill</b>	

**SFST’s amendments**

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