

No. 6 OF 1937.

A LAW TO VALIDATE THE ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND ACTS OF CERTAIN BODIES OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH IN THE COLONY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERTIES AND FUNDS OF THAT CHURCH FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD.

H. R. PALMER,
Governor.

[14th May, 1937.]

BE it enacted:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Councils and Boards of the Armenian Church in Cyprus (Validation and Regulation) Law, 1937. Short title.

2. In this Law the expression—

“acts done” includes powers exercised, duties performed, resolutions passed, moneys received and paid, expenses incurred and appointments made;

“the Administrative Council” means the Administrative Council of the Church composed of the members appointed thereto on the eighteenth day of March, 1932, by the District Council;

“the Archbishop” means the Archbishop of the Church for the time being;

“the Church” means the Armenian Church in the Colony;

“the Church Board” means the board of the Church composed of the members appointed thereto on the 25th day of March, 1932, by the Administrative Council;

“the District Council” means the District Council of the Church composed—

(a) of the members who were elected thereto by the Armenian Community in the Colony at elections held on the seventh and the fourteenth days of February, 1932, and

(b) of the members appointed thereto by the Archbishop;

“the Ottoman Enactment” means the Ottoman law or regulations or instructions relating to the election of the Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople and other matters concerning the Armenian Church and Community, contained on pages 938 to 961, both inclusive, of the second volume of the *Destour*;

Interpreta-
tion.

“the Poor Board” means the Poor Board of the Church composed of the members appointed thereto on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1932, by the Administrative Council.

Validation of District Council and its acts.

3.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Enactment, the District Council—

(a) shall be deemed—

- (i) to have been lawfully constituted ; and
- (ii) to have lawfully come into office as from the fourteenth day of February, 1932 ; and
- (iii) to have lawfully remained in office up to the date of the commencement of this Law ; and

(b) shall, notwithstanding any vacancies which may have occurred thereon, remain in office for a period of five years from the date of the commencement of this Law, and no longer.

(2) Notwithstanding any vacancies which may have occurred on the District Council, all acts done by the District Council as from the 14th day of February, 1932, to the date of the commencement of this Law in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions for which it was elected and appointed, are hereby made and declared to be lawful and are confirmed as on and from the time of the performance of such acts, and the District Council and every member thereof are hereby freed, discharged and indemnified against all and every person and persons whatever from all actions or other civil proceedings whatever in respect of any such acts done as aforesaid.

Validation of Administrative Council, Poor Board and Church Board, and their respective acts.

4.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Enactment—

- (a) the Administrative Council ; and
- (b) the Poor Board ; and
- (c) the Church Board,

shall be deemed—

- (i) to have been lawfully constituted ; and
- (ii) to have lawfully come into office as from the dates upon which they were respectively appointed ; and
- (iii) to have lawfully remained in office up to the date of the commencement of this Law.

(2) The Administrative Council, the Poor Board and the Church Board shall, notwithstanding any vacancies which may have occurred thereon and notwithstanding any reconstitution thereof which may have taken place, remain in office for a period of five years from the date of the commencement of this Law, and no longer.

(3) Notwithstanding any vacancies which may have occurred on the Administrative Council, the Poor Board and the Church Board and notwithstanding any reconstitution thereof which may have taken place, all acts done by the Administrative Council, the Poor Board and the Church Board as from the date of their respective appointments to the date of the commencement of this Law in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions for which they were respectively appointed, are hereby made and declared to be lawful and are confirmed as on and from the time of the performance of such acts, and the Administrative Council, the Poor Board and the Church Board and every member thereof respectively are hereby freed, discharged and indemnified against all and every person and persons whatever from all actions or other civil proceedings whatever in respect of any such acts done as aforesaid.

5. The Archbishop shall be the President of the District Council, the Administrative Council, the Poor Board and the Church Board.

President of Councils and Boards.

6. Any vacancy which occurred before the commencement of this Law and any vacancy occurring after the commencement of this Law on the District Council, the Administrative Council, the Poor Board and the Church Board by reason of death, resignation, absence from the Colony or otherwise of any member thereof shall be filled by the appointment of a member of the Armenian Community in the Colony—

Power to fill vacancies.

(a) in the case of a vacancy on the District Council or on the Administrative Council, by the District Council: Provided that if the vacancy is in respect of a member of the District Council who was appointed by the Archbishop, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment by the Archbishop of a duly qualified person; and

(b) in the case of a vacancy on the Poor Board or the Church Board, by the Administrative Council.

Meetings and procedure of Councils and Boards.

7. The District Council, the Administrative Council, the Poor Board and the Church Board shall conduct their meetings and proceedings in accordance with regulations made from time to time by the District Council and approved by the Archbishop.

Power to make regulations.

8. The District Council, the Administrative Council, the Poor Board and the Church Board shall exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions in the control and administration of the properties and funds of the Church or otherwise as may be assigned to them respectively by regulations made from time to time by the District Council and approved by the Archbishop, and in manner prescribed by such regulations.

Power to District Council to pass resolution relating to certain costs, fees and expenses.

9. The District Council may by a resolution of the Council passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of those members who shall be present at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose after notice of not less than four days before such meeting authorize the payment from the funds of the Church of all or any costs, fees and expenses—

(a) adjudged to be paid or paid to the plaintiff by the defendants under the judgment of the Divisional Court of Nicosia-Kyrenia, dated the twenty-third day of December, 1936, in Action bearing No. 172/1932 of the District Court of Nicosia-Kyrenia, Registry of Nicosia, and No. 553 in the Divisional Court ; and/or

(b) incurred by the defendants in defending the said Action or for which such defendants may be liable in connection therewith,

and thereupon such costs, fees and expenses shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Church.

Repeal.

10. The Ottoman Enactment is hereby repealed.

No. 7 OF 1937.

A LAW FURTHER TO AMEND THE GOATS LAWS, 1913 TO 1935.

H. R. PALMER,]
Governor.

[20th May, 1937.

BE it enacted :—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Goats (Amendment) Law, 1937, and shall be read as one with the Goats Laws, 1913 to 1935, (hereinafter called " the Principal Law "), and the Principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Goats Laws, 1913 to 1937.

12 of 1913.
18 of 1930.
31 of 1935.