

2018 Bill 206

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**SOCIETIES (PREVENTING THE PROMOTION OF HATE)
AMENDMENT ACT, 2018**

MR. COOLAHAN

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2018)

WHEREAS societies play a fundamental role in making Alberta an open and welcoming place for all people;

WHEREAS the people of Alberta stand united against groups that promote hatred; and

WHEREAS current legislation must reflect the shared values of all Albertans to prevent the promotion of hatred;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends RSA 2000 cS-14

1 The *Societies Act* is amended by this Act.

2 Section 3 is amended

(a) in subsection (1) by adding “a lawful purpose, including” after “Five or more persons may become incorporated under this Act for”;

(b) by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) For greater certainty, the following are not lawful purposes under subsection (1):

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter S-14 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

2 Section 3 presently reads in part:

3(1) Five or more persons may become incorporated under this Act for any benevolent, philanthropic, charitable, provident, scientific, artistic, literary, social, educational, agricultural, sporting or other useful purpose, but not for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business.

- (a) advocating or promoting genocide, as defined in section 318(2) of the *Criminal Code* (Canada);
- (b) publicly inciting hatred, in a manner which could constitute an offence under section 319(1) of the *Criminal Code* (Canada).

3 Section 10(2) is amended by adding “, including if the Registrar considers one or more of those purposes or accompanying bylaws to be contrary to this Act or otherwise unlawful” after “in accordance with the directions given by the Registrar”.

4 Section 16 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) Every director of a society shall verify the lawfulness of the objects and purposes of the society.

3 Section 10 presently reads:

10(2) The Registrar may direct that any of the purposes mentioned in the application, or any of the bylaws accompanying the application, be struck out or be modified in accordance with the directions given by the Registrar.

4 Section 16 presently reads:

16(2) A notice of the alteration of objects shall be published, at the expense of the society, in The Alberta Gazette or the Registrar's periodical published under the Business Corporations Act.

