

Bill No. 21 of 1941.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES
LANDS ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill adds a new section to *The Religious Societies Lands Act, 1922*, which extends the powers of incorporated congregations by enabling them to make necessary changes in their organization.

Under the existing Act at the time of incorporation of any society, a declaration is filed which sets out the officers of the body, the persons entitled to vote, the number of members required to constitute a quorum, and other details of the organization.

In certain instances the need for revision of the constitution of these societies has arisen. There is, however, no provision in the existing Act whereby the original declaration of incorporation can be changed, other than by legislative enactment.

The new section is intended to take care of this apparent deficiency, and sets out the procedure to be followed when an amendment of the constitution of a religious society is required. The amendment has been made retroactive to cover amendments and by-laws which have already been passed, the validity of which, under the present enactment, may be open to some question.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)

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No. 21 of 1941.

An Act to amend The Religious Societies' Lands Act.

(Assented to _____, 1941.)

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Religious Societies' Lands Act Amendment Act, 1941.*"

2. *The Religious Societies' Lands Act*, being chapter 164 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby amended by inserting therein immediately after section 17 the following new section:

"**17a.**—(1) Every incorporated congregation under this Act shall have the power and shall at all times from the date of its incorporation be deemed to have had the power by a resolution passed at a meeting of its members duly called for that purpose to amend its constitution and to make, amend, vary and rescind by-laws regulating the conduct of its officers and servants, and providing for the management of its affairs.

"(2) A copy of every such resolution, by-law or amendment certified to be correct by the President or Chairman, and Secretary or Clerk of the congregation shall be delivered to the registrar of joint stock companies for registration by him and the registrar shall upon being satisfied that the resolution, by-law or amendment, has been duly passed and that it is proper so to do, register the same, and upon registration the resolution, by-law or amendment shall take effect as and from the date of the passing thereof: otherwise the same shall have no force or effect."

3. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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