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12 of 2003.

[1st February, 2003]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize) Act

Interpretation.
12 of 2003.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

“Amir” means the Imam who is Chairperson of the Shura and acts as leader or head of the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize);

“Corporation” means the corporation by the name of the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize) constituted under this Act;

“Imam” means a qualified male Muslim who leads Salat (prayers of devotion) in a Masjid;

“Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize)” means indigenous community of Muslim in Belize with fraternal links to the worldwide muslim Community or Ummah;

“Janazah” means an Islamic Funeral Ceremony conducted according to the Holy Prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah (Peace and Blessing Upon Him – (PBUH));

“Jumah” means the Islamic Congregational Prayer, Sunnah conducted according to the Holy Qur’an and the every Friday afternoon, that is obligatory on every practising Muslim;

“Land” includes land and building of any tenure and any interest in the land and buildings and in the proceeds of sale of such land and buildings;

“Masjid” means that place where Islamic religious, educational and cultural activities take place;

“Nikah” means an Islamic Marriage Contract conducted according to the tenets of the Holy Qur’an and the Sunnah;

“property” means property of every description, whether real or personal, movable or immovable;

“Shura” means the members of the Managing Committee of the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize) charged with conducting the affairs of the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize), by mutual consultations.

3.–(1) The Amir of the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize) for the time being, the members of the Shura of the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize) for the time being (and their successors in office as such Amir and Shura Members) and the membership of the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize) shall be constituted as a corporation by the name and style of “The Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize)”.

Composition of corporate body of the Corporation. 12 of 2003.

(2) The Corporation shall have perpetual succession, and use a common seal, which may from time to time be altered, and by the same name it may sue and be sued, plead to be impleaded in all courts of law and equity.

4. The Corporation shall exercise all the powers and perform all the function and duties directed and empowered or intended to be performed by the Amir and the Shura.

General power of the Corporation. 12 of 2003.

5. The Corporation shall have full power,

Capacity of the Corporation. 12 of 2003.

(a) to acquire and hold by purchase, devise or otherwise, property within Belize and to convey, assign, demise or otherwise dispose of such property;

(b) to borrow and take up any sum or sums of money for the purpose of erecting or improving or aiding erecting or improving Masjid, schools, manses, dwelling-house of other buildings, and for that

purpose to mortgage by deed under the said corporate seal such portions of its property as may be necessary for securing the repayment of such moneys;

- (c) to take hold, employ and invest all such property as they deem advisable, but only for the purposes of the Corporation; and
- (d) to teach, train and appoint Imams for the purposes of rendering Islamic Religious Services (such as Nikah, Janazah and Juma), to its Membership.

Vesting of property in the Corporation.
12 of 2003.

6. All property belonging to the Islamic Mission (Muslim Community of Belize) shall be vested in the Corporation.

Exemption from National Lands Act, Cap. 192.
12 of 2003.

7. Notwithstanding the nationality of its members in Belize at any time or from to time to time the Corporation shall not be deemed an alien for the purposes of the National Lands Act, Cap. 192, or any Act amending or replacing that Act but shall be entitled to hold land and mortgages on land in Belize without licence and such land and mortgages shall not be liable to forfeiture under that or any other Act.

Power to make by-laws.

8. The Corporation shall have power to make-by-laws for their own international management and control, and such by-laws shall be binding on every member thereof.

Saving of the State and other rights.

9. Nothing in the Act shall effect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any body politic or corporate or of any other person, except such as mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming to, by, through, from or under them.