

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

BIBLE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA ACT REPEAL BILL

*(As amended by the Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture (National Assembly))
(The English text is the official text of the Bill)*

(Mr P A GERBER)

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BILL

To provide for the repeal of the Bible Society of South Africa Bill, 1970 and the Bible Society of South Africa Act, 1985; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Repeal of laws

1. The Bible Society of South Africa Act, 1970 (Act No. 15 of 1970) and the Bible Society of South Africa Amendment Act, 1985 (Act 97 of 1985), are hereby repealed. 5

Savings

2. (1) The Bible Society of South Africa (Association incorporated under section 21) Registration number 2008/007505/08 is designated the legal successor to the Bible Society incorporated in terms of the repealed Act on the date of repeal.

(2) The business of the Bible Society is transferred as a going concern to the Bible Society of South Africa (Association incorporated under section 21) Registration number 2008/007505/08 upon the date of repeal notwithstanding any prohibition against the transfer of any asset or obligation. 10

Short title

3. This Act is called the Bible Society of South Africa Act Repeal Act, 2008. 15

MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA ACT REPEAL BILL, 2008

1. OBJECTS OF BILL

The objects of the Bill are to—

- (a) give effect to the constitutional principles of human dignity, equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms, non-racialism and non-sexism;
- (b) remove legislation that creates the impression that the Constitution promotes segregation along religious lines; and
- (c) repeal the Bible Society of South Africa Act, 1970 (Act No. 15 of 1970), and the Bible Society of South Africa Amendment Act, 1985 (Act No. 97 of 1985).

2. IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE

None.

3. BODIES CONSULTED

The following bodies were consulted:

- The Bible Society of South Africa
- The Methodist Church of Southern Africa
- The Council of African Instituted Churches
- The Muslim Judicial Council
- South African Council of Churches
- The Dutch Reformed Church
- The Apostolic Faith Mission

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE

None.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

6.1 The Parliamentary Legal Advisers are of the opinion that this Bill must be dealt with in accordance with the procedure established by section 75 of the Constitution, since it contains no provision to which the procedure set out in section 74 or 76 of the Constitution applies.

6.2 The Parliamentary Legal Advisers are of the opinion that it is not necessary to refer this Bill to the National House of Traditional Leaders in terms of section 18(1)(a) of the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act, 2003 (Act No. 41 of 2003), since it does not contain provisions pertaining to customary law or customs of traditional communities.

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