

LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

On religious activities and religious associations

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This Law is based that the Republic of Kazakhstan approves itself by the democratic, secular state, confirms the right of everyone to liberty of conscience, guarantees equality of everyone irrespective of his religious belief, recognizes historical role of Islam of the hanafitsky direction and orthodox Christianity in cultural development and the spiritual life of people, respects other religions which are combined with spiritual heritage of the people of Kazakhstan, recognizes importance of interfaith consent, religious tolerance and respect of religious beliefs of citizens.

Chapter 1. General provisions

Article 1. The basic concepts used in this Law

In this Law the following basic concepts are used:

- 1) the cult building (construction) - the place intended for church services, church and religious meetings, religious honoring (pilgrimage);
- 2) religious activities - the activities directed to satisfaction of religious needs of believers;
- 3) the priest - person authorized by the corresponding religious consolidation on spiritual, preaching ministry;
- 4) religious consolidation - voluntary consolidation of citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons, in the procedure for their interests which united on the basis of community established by legal acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan for satisfaction of spiritual needs;
 - 4-1) distribution of dogma - the activities directed to finishing, and equally in information transfer about the main doctrines, the ideas, views and practicians of certain religion;
- 5) missionary activities - the activities of citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners, stateless persons directed to distribution of dogma in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the purpose of the address to religion;
- 6) authorized body - the state body performing state regulation in the sphere of religious activities.

Article 2. Legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on religious activities and religious associations

1. The legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on religious activities and religious associations is based on [the Constitution](#) of the Republic of Kazakhstan and consists of this Law and other regulatory legal acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

2. If the international treaty ratified by the Republic of Kazakhstan establishes other rules, than those which are provided in this Law then are applied regulations of the international treaty.

Article 3. State and religion

1. The state is separated religion and religious associations.
2. Religious associations and citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons irrespective of the relation to religion are equal before the law.
3. No religion can be established as state or obligatory.

4. The education system and education in the Republic of Kazakhstan, except for the spiritual (religious) organizations of education, is separated from religion and religious associations and has a secular character.

5. Hindrance of legal religious activities, violation of the civil laws of physical persons based on the relation to religion or insult of their religious feelings, defilement of the objects esteemed by followers of this or that religion, structures and places are not allowed.

6. Everyone has the right to adhere to religious or other beliefs, to extend them, to participate in activities of religious associations and to be engaged in missionary activities according to the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

7. Nobody has the right based on the religious beliefs to refuse fulfillment of duties, provided by the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan who are priests, missionaries, heads or participants (members) of religious associations can participate in political life on an equal basis with all citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan only on its own behalf.

8. According to the principle of department of religion and religious associations from the state the state:

1) does not interfere with determination by the citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the foreigner and the stateless person of the relation to religion and religious affiliation, with education of children by parents or other their legal representatives according to the beliefs, except as specified, when such education threatens life and health of the child, violates its rights and limits responsibility, and also it is directed against the constitutional system, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

2) is not assigned to religious associations by accomplishment of functions of state bodies;

3) does not interfere with activities of religious associations if activities of religious associations do not contradict the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

4) promotes establishment of the relations of mutual tolerance and respect between the citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and persons without citizenship who are practising religion and not professing it and also between various religious associations.

9. According to the principle of department of religion and religious associations from the state religious associations:

1) do not perform function of state bodies and do not interfere with their activities;

2) do not participate in activities of political parties, do not give them financial support, are not engaged in political activities;

Requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall observe 3).

10. Activities of batches on religious basis, creation and activities of religious associations, the purposes and which actions are directed to approval in the state of supremacy of one religion, incitement of religious strife or discord including connected with violence or appeals to violence and other illegal actions are forbidden.

11. Activities not registered in the procedure for religious associations established by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and any compulsion of citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons is equal in determination of the relation to religion, are not allowed to participation or nonparticipation in activities of religious associations, in religious practices and (or) in training of religion.

12. The activities of religious associations integrated to violence over citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons or other damnification to their health or to annulment of marriage between spouses (family disruption) or termination of the related relations, causing damage of morality, violation of rights and freedoms of man and citizen, motivation of the citizens to refusal of fulfillment of duties provided by the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and other violation of the law of the Republic of Kazakhstan are not allowed.

13. Activities of the religious associations which are compulsorily involving in the activities of citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons, including by means of charity, and (or) interfering exit from religious consolidation, including by application of blackmail, violence or threat of its application, with use of material or other dependence of citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons or by deception are not allowed.

14. Compulsion of participants (members) of religious consolidation and religious followers is not allowed to alienation of the property belonging to them for benefit of religious consolidation, his heads and other participants (members).

15. Decision making and making of actions with use of religion and the religious views obviously capable to disorganize activities of state bodies is not allowed, to break their smooth functioning, to lower controllability degree in the country.

16. The head of religious consolidation shall take measures to non-admission of involvement and (or) participation of minors in activities of religious consolidation in case of objection of one of parents of the minor or other his legal representatives.

Chapter 2. State regulation in the sphere of religious activities

Article 4. Competence of authorized body

Authorized body:

1) participates in forming and realization of the main directions of state policy in the field of interaction with religious associations;

1-1) carries out studying and the analysis of religious situation in the republic;

2) is carried out by studying and the analysis of activities of the religious associations created in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, missionaries, the spiritual (religious) organizations of education;

3) is provided by implementation of explanatory work on the questions which are within its competence;

4) performs methodical management of local executive bodies in the sphere of religious activities;

5) performs information and propaganda actions for the questions which are within its competence;

6) is provided by conducting theological examinations;

Will organize 7) and performs cooperation with authorized bodies of foreign states in the sphere of religious activities;

8) approves activities of foreign religious associations in the territory of the republic, appointment of religious associations as the foreign religious centers of heads in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

9) is coordinated by activities of local executive bodies of areas, cities of republican value and the capital concerning religious activities and interaction with religious associations;

Develops 10) and approves regulatory legal acts in the sphere of religious activities and religious associations within competence;

10-1) approves rules of conducting theological examination;

11) approves the instruction for determination of arrangement of special stationary rooms for distribution of religious literature and other information materials of religious content, objects of religious appointment, and also rooms for holding religious actions outside cult buildings (constructions);

12) considers the appeals of physical persons and legal entities concerning violations of the law of the Republic of Kazakhstan about religious activities and religious associations;

13) makes in law enforcement agencies offers on prohibition of activities of the physical persons and legal entities violating the law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on religious activities and religious associations;

14) performs other powers provided by this Law, other laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan, acts of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 5. Competence of local executive bodies of areas, cities of republican value and the capital concerning religious activities and interaction with religious associations

Local executive bodies of areas, cities of republican value and the capital concerning religious activities and interaction with religious associations:

1) is carried out by studying and the analysis of religious situation in the region;

- 1-1) carry out studying and the analysis of activities of religious associations, missionaries, the spiritual (religious) organizations of education operating in the region;
- 2) make suggestions for improvement of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on religious activities and religious associations in authorized body;
- 3) realize state policy in the field of religious activities;
- 4) make offers in law enforcement agencies on prohibition of activities of the physical persons and legal entities violating the law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on religious activities and religious associations;
- 5) is considered by the appeals of physical persons and legal entities concerning violations of the law of the Republic of Kazakhstan about religious activities and religious associations;
- 6) carry out explanatory work at the local level on the questions which are within their competence;
- 7) approve arrangement of special stationary rooms for distribution of religious literature and other information materials of religious content, objects of religious appointment, and also approve arrangement of rooms for holding religious actions outside cult buildings (constructions);
- 8) make decisions on construction of cult buildings (constructions), determination of their location, and also reshaping (change of functional purpose) of buildings (constructions) to cult buildings (constructions);
- 9) provide conducting verification of lists of citizens initiators of creation of religious associations;
- 10) carry out registration of persons performing missionary activities;
- 11) is performed for the benefit of local public administration by other powers assigned to local executive bodies by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 6. Theological examination

1. The authorized body provides conducting theological examination on the following bases:
 - 1) appeals of physical and (or) legal entities to authorized body;
 - 2) receipt of religious literature, other information materials of religious content in library stocks of the organizations of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and also in authorized body;
 - 3) the appeal of physical persons behind registration as missionaries and registration of religious associations;
 - 4) import of religious literature, information materials of religious content, except for literature and the materials intended for private use in one copy of each name;
 - 5) order of the head of authorized body;
 - 6) production, release and distribution of religious literature and other information materials of religious content.
2. Constituent, and also other documents of religious content, spiritual (religious) educational programs, information materials of religious content and objects of religious appointment belong to objects of theological examination.
3. Theological expertise is carried out by persons having special knowledge in the field of religious studies with attraction in need of representatives of state bodies and other specialists.
4. *No. 239-V ZRK is excluded according to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 29.09.2014*

Chapter 3. Religious activities in the Republic of Kazakhstan

Article 7. Religious practices and ceremonies

1. Religious associations have the right to contain places of worship.
2. Church services, religious practices, ceremonies and (or) meetings are freely held (made) in cult buildings (constructions) and in the territory allocated for them, in places of worship, in organizations and rooms of religious associations, at cemeteries and in crematoriums, dwellings, objects of public catering in case of need on condition of observance of the rights and interests near the living persons. In other cases religious actions are performed according to the procedure, established by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
3. Holding (making) church services, religious practices, ceremonies and (or) meetings, and also implementation of missionary activities in the territory and in buildings is not allowed:

- 1) the state bodies, the organizations, except as specified, provided by Items 2 and 4 of this Article;
 - 2) Armed Forces, other troops and military forming, judicial and law enforcement agencies, other services connected with ensuring public safety, protection of life and health of physical persons;
 - 3) organizations of education, except for spiritual (religious) organizations of education.
4. To the persons which are containing in the special facilities providing temporary isolation from society, being in the organizations performing punishments, being patients of the organizations of health care giving stationary help, undergoing social servicing in houses boarding schools for aged and disabled people at their request or their relatives in case of ritual need priests of the religious associations registered according to the procedure, established by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan are invited. At the same time making of religious practices, ceremonies and (or) meetings shall not interfere with activities of the specified organizations, violate the rights and legitimate interests of other persons.

Article 8. Missionary activities

1. Citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons perform missionary activities after registration passing.

2. Registration of persons performing missionary activities is made by local executive bodies of areas, cities of republican value and the capital in time, not exceeding thirty calendar days from the date of submission of documents. The term of registration stops when conducting theological examination for receipt of the conclusion on the materials provided by the missionary.

3. Missionaries in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall pass re-registration in local executive bodies of areas, cities of republican value and the capital annually.

4. For registration missionaries submit the following documents and materials to local executive bodies:

- 1) passport copy or identity certificates;
- 2) the statement with indication of the territory and the term of missionary activities;
- 3) the document issued by religious consolidation on the right of implementation of missionary activities on behalf of religious consolidation;
- 4) the certificate of state registration (re-registration) of the legal entity and the copy of the charter of religious consolidation which representative is the missionary;
- 5) the religious literature, other information materials of religious content, objects of religious appointment intended for missionary activities.

Foreigners and stateless persons in the Republic of Kazakhstan for registration as the missionary in addition submit the following documents to local executive bodies:

- 1) the legalized or apostilled document certifying that religious consolidation which is represented by the missionary is officially registered by the legislation of foreign state;
- 2) the invitation of the religious consolidation registered in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The documents issued by foreign states are represented with the fidelity of the translation into the Kazakh and Russian languages which is notarially certified in the Republic of Kazakhstan and the authenticity of the signature of the translator making transfer which is notarially certified in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

5. To the citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and persons without citizenship who submitted documents for passing of registration as the missionary refuses in registration based on the negative conclusion of theological examination and also if their missionary activities pose threat to the constitutional system, public order, human rights and freedoms, health and morality of the population.

6. Use by missionaries of materials of religious content and objects of religious appointment is allowed after receipt of the positive conclusion of theological examination.

Article 9. Religious literature and objects of religious appointment

1. Citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons, religious associations have the right to acquire and use religious literature, other information materials of religious content, objects of religious appointment at discretion.

Objects of religious appointment are the objects, products and attributes necessary for departure of church services, religious practices and ceremonies, and also the containing elements of religious symbolics.

2. Distribution of religious literature, other information materials of religious content, objects of religious appointment is allowed only in cult buildings (constructions), the spiritual (religious) organizations of education, and also in the areas which are specially determined by local executive bodies, the cities of republican value and the capital, stationary rooms.

3. Import to the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan of religious literature and other information materials of religious content except for intended for private use in one copy of each name is performed only by the registered religious associations after receipt of the positive conclusion of theological examination.

3-1. Production, release and distribution of religious literature and other information materials of religious content are allowed after receipt of the positive conclusion of theological examination.

4. The religious literature and other information materials of religious content released and (or) extended by religious consolidation shall contain full name of religious consolidation.

Article 10. Charity

1. Religious associations have the right to perform charity and to establish charitable organizations.

2. When implementing charity use of material dependence (need) of citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons for the purpose of involvement in religious activities is not allowed.

Article 11. International backgrounds and contacts of believers and religious associations

1. Citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners, stateless persons and religious associations have the right to establish and support international backgrounds and personal contacts, including trips abroad for pilgrimage, participations in meetings and other religious actions.

2. Religious associations can direct citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan abroad for training in the spiritual (religious) organizations of education and accept foreigners, persons without citizenship for training in the spiritual (religious) organizations of education in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Chapter 4. Creation, state registration, reorganization, liquidation of religious associations

Article 12. Status of religious associations

1. In the Republic of Kazakhstan religious associations with the status can be created and be effective: local, regional and republican.

2. Local religious consolidation the religious consolidation formed at the initiative of at least fifty citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, operating within one area, the city of republican value and the capital is recognized.

3. Regional religious consolidation the religious consolidation created at the initiative of at least five hundred citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan who are participants (members) of two and more local religious associations numbering at least two hundred fifty citizens the Republic of Kazakhstan from each of them which represent at least two areas, the cities of republican value and the capital is recognized.

Regional religious associations are created and perform the activities within the territory of activities of these local religious associations.

4. Republican religious consolidation the religious consolidation formed at the initiative of at least five thousand citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan representing all areas, the cities of republican value and the capital, numbering at least three hundred citizens the Republic of Kazakhstan is recognized each of them, and also having the structural divisions (branches and representations) in all territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 13. Creation of religious associations

1. Religious consolidation is created at the initiative of the citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan who reached eighteen-year age, convoking the constituent assembly (congress, conference) at which decisions on creation of

religious consolidation, its name, the charter are made and its governing bodies are created. Citizens take personal part in the constituent assembly (congress, conference) at own will.

2. Religious consolidation shall have the following signs:

- 1) single dogma;
- 2) making of religious practices, ceremonies and sermons;
- 3) religious education of the participants (members) and religious followers;
- 4) spiritual orientation of activities.

3. Republican religious associations and regional religious associations according to the charters have the right to create the spiritual (religious) organizations of education realizing professional training programs of training of priests in the form of organizations.

4. Creation and activities of the legal entities who are engaged in religious activities in other form of business, except as religious consolidation, are not allowed, except for the spiritual (religious) organizations of education.

5. Creation of organizational structures of religious associations in state bodies, the organizations and organizations, the organizations of education and health care is not allowed.

Article 14. Name of religious consolidation

1. The name of religious consolidation shall contain religious accessory and the status.

2. The full and abbreviated name and its symbolics shall not completely or in essential part to duplicate the state symbols of the Republic of Kazakhstan and other states, the name and symbolics of state bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the religious associations registered in the Republic of Kazakhstan and also the religious associations forbidden and (or) liquidated in connection with violation of the law of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 15. State registration of religious associations

1. Religious consolidation acquires legal capacity of the legal entity from the moment of its state registration.

2. State registration of republican religious associations and regional religious associations is performed by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

State registration of local religious associations, accounting registration of branches and representations are performed by territorial authorities of justice.

3. For registration the application is submitted to registering body in two-month time from the moment of decision making about creation of religious consolidation. Are enclosed to the application:

- 1) the charter of religious consolidation signed by the head of religious consolidation;
- 2) protocol of the constituent assembly (congress, conference);
- 3) the list of citizens initiators of the created religious consolidation on electronic and paper carriers in the form established by registering body;
- 4) the document confirming the location of religious consolidation;
- 5) the printed religious materials opening history of origin and fundamentals of dogma and containing data on the religious activities corresponding to it;
- 6) the receipt or other document confirming payment in the budget of the registration fee for state registration of the legal entity;
- 7) the decision on election of the head of religious consolidation or in case of appointment of the head the foreign religious center the document confirming coordination with authorized body.

4. In case of registration of regional religious consolidation are in addition represented the participant list of each of the local religious associations initiating creation of regional religious associations in the form established by registering body and also notarially certified copies of charters of their local religious associations.

5. Before the expiration of year from the date of registration republican religious associations for confirmation of the status shall provide to the body performing registration, copies of the documents confirming passing of accounting registration by their structural divisions (branches and representations) in territorial authorities of justice.

6. In case of failure to meet requirements of Item 5 of this Article republican religious consolidation is subject to reorganization or liquidation according to the procedure, established by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

7. State registration of religious associations and accounting registration of their branches and representations, re-registration, refusal in registration of religious associations are performed according to the procedure and the terms provided [by the Law](#) of the Republic of Kazakhstan "About state registration of legal entities and accounting registration of branches and representations" taking into account the features provided by this Law.

8. The term of state registration (re-registration) is interrupted for conducting theological examination and verification of the list of citizens initiators of creation of religious consolidation regarding compliance to requirements of this Law.

9. The registering body no later than three working days from the date of decision making about break of term of state registration (re-registration) sends to authorized body of the copy of the documents necessary for the organization of conducting theological examination, and to local executive bodies of areas, cities of republican value and the capital of the copy of lists of citizens initiators of creation of religious consolidation for check.

10. By results of verification of the submitted documents on compliance to the legislation, the carried-out theological expertize, verification of the list of citizens initiators of creation of religious consolidation the decision on state registration or on refusal in state registration of religious consolidation is made.

Article 16. Charter of religious consolidation

1. Religious consolidation performs the activities based on the charter which shall contain:

- 1) name, subject and purposes of activities;
- 2) the location and the territory within which it performs the activities;
- 3) structure, procedure for forming and competence of governing bodies;
- 4) rights and obligations of participants (members);
- 5) religious accessory, fundamentals of dogma and data on the religious activities corresponding to it;
- 6) conditions and procedure for admission to membership of religious consolidation and exit from it;
- 7) sources of forming of property;
- 8) procedure for modification and amendments in constituent documents;
- 9) conditions of reorganization and termination of activities;
- 10) procedure for use of property in case of liquidation;
- 11) data on branches and representations.

2. The charter of religious consolidation can contain also other provisions relating to its activities and not contradicting the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

3. Data on fundamentals of dogma and religious activities shall contain the main religious ideas, forms of activities of religious consolidation, feature of the attitude towards scrap and family, education, health of participants (members) of this religious consolidation and other persons, the relation to realization of constitutional rights and obligations of his participants (members) and attendants.

Article 17. Refusal in registration of religious consolidation

1. The refusal in state registration of religious consolidation, accounting registration of its structural division (branch and representation) is made according to the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and also in cases when containing in the constituent and other submitted documents of the data are doubtful and (or) the created consolidation is not recognized as religious consolidation based on results of theological examination.

2. The refusal in registration can be appealed in court.

Article 18. Reorganization and liquidation of religious consolidation

1. Reorganization of religious associations can be performed according to the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan by merge, accession, separation, transformation and allocation according to the decision of the body authorized by constituent documents of religious consolidation, or by a court decision. Religious consolidation can be transformed

only to other religious consolidation or to private institution. The organizations formed as a result of reorganization of religious associations can be registered as religious associations in case of compliance to requirements of this Law.

2. Suspension of operations and liquidation of religious consolidation are made according to the procedure, established by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 19. State and foreign religious associations

1. Implementation of activities by the head of religious consolidation appointed by the foreign religious center without coordination with authorized body is not allowed.

2. For review the candidate for position of the head of religious consolidation the foreign religious center submits the following documents to authorized body:

1) the petition containing the information about the candidate, its previous activities in the foreign religious center;

2) the decision on appointment of the candidate the head of the religious consolidation operating in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

3) passport copy or identity certificates of the candidate for position of the head of religious consolidation.

Documents are submitted with the fidelity of the translation into the Kazakh and Russian languages which is notarially certified in the Republic of Kazakhstan and the authenticity of the signature of the translator making transfer which is notarially certified in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

3. The documents specified in Item 2 of this Article are considered by authorized body within thirty calendar days from the date of their representation.

4. The authorized body refuses coordination of appointment of religious consolidation as the foreign religious center of the head in the Republic of Kazakhstan if its activities can create threat to the constitutional system, public order, human rights and freedoms, health and morality of the population.

Chapter 5. Essential legal relationship of religious associations

Article 20. Property of religious associations

1. Religious associations have the property right to the property acquired or created by them at the expense of own means, offered citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, foreigners and stateless persons, the organizations or acquired on other bases which are not contradicting the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

2. Property of religious associations are the real and personal estate which is on the property right.

3. In property of religious associations there can be also property which is outside the Republic of Kazakhstan.

4. Religious associations have the right to address for voluntary financial and other donations and to receive them.

5. The property right of religious associations is protected by the law.

Article 21. Use of the property which is property of the state, the organizations and physical persons

1. Religious associations have the right to use buildings, the territory and the property provided to them on a contract basis.

2. The historical and cultural monuments having religious appointment can be provided in use to religious associations according to the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 22. The order property of the liquidated religious consolidation

1. In case of liquidation or the termination of activities of religious consolidation the order is performed by the property which was in its property according to its charter and the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

2. In the absence of legal successors the property carries over the state according to the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on state-owned property.

Chapter 6. Final provisions

Article 23. Responsibility for violation of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on religious activities and religious associations

Violation of the law of the Republic of Kazakhstan about religious activities and religious associations attracts the responsibility established by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 24. Transitional provisions

1. Religious associations shall within one year from the date of enforcement of this Law make corresponding changes to the constituent documents according to requirements of this Law. At the same time the documents confirming the status of religious consolidation are submitted to registering body.

2. The legal entities who are engaged in satisfaction of religious interests and requirements and created before enforcement of this Law in other form of business except as religious consolidation, shall within one year from the date of enforcement of this Law make corresponding changes to the constituent documents.

3. After the specified term the legal entities who did not bring the constituent documents into accord with requirements of this Law are liquidated judicially according to the appeal of local executive bodies of areas, cities of republican value and the capital.

Article 25. Final provisions

1. This Law becomes effective after ten calendar days after its first official publication.

2. Declare invalid the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan, of January 15, 1992 "About religious liberty and religious associations" (Sheets of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 1992, No. 4, Art. 84; 1995, No. 20, Art. 120, 121; Sheets of Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 1997, No. 13-14, of Art. 205; 2004, No. 23, Art. 142; 2005, No. 5, Art. 5; No. 13, Art. 53; 2007, No. 9, Art. 67; 2011, No. 11, Art. 102).

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