

3. No person shall be capable of being elected Archbishop by the Electoral Assembly, who—

Certain persons disqualified from being elected to the Office of Archbishop.

- (a) has been deported from the Colony under any enactment in force at the date of his deportation ; or
- (b) has been convicted under any enactment in force at the date of his conviction—
 - (i) of the offence of sedition, or
 - (ii) of any offence punishable with imprisonment or penal servitude for more than two years; or
- (c) is not a native of the Colony.

No. 34 OF 1937.

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR OF ANY PERSON ELECTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE ARCHIEPISCOPAL THRONE OF THE AUTOCEPHALOUS GREEK-ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CYPRUS.

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Governor.

WHEREAS the proper ecclesiastical authority in the Autocephalous Greek-Orthodox Church of Cyprus may convene and hold an Electoral Assembly for the purpose of electing a person to fill any vacancy that may at any time exist in the Archiepiscopal Throne of the said Church :

AND WHEREAS it is established by practice and precedents that the person elected to be Archbishop should, before his election is consummated by any religious and ceremonial rites, be approved by the Governor :

BE it therefore enacted :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Autocephalous Greek-Orthodox Church of Cyprus (Governor's Approval of Archbishop) Law, 1937.

Short title.

2. In this Law—

“ Archbishop ” means the Archbishop of the Church ;

“ Church ” means the Autocephalous Greek-Orthodox Church of Cyprus ;

Interpretation.

“ Electoral Assembly ” means the Electoral Assembly which the proper ecclesiastical authority in the Church may convene and hold for the purpose of electing a person to fill any vacancy that may at any time exist in the Archiepiscopal Throne of the Church.

Notification
of election of
Archbishop
to Colonial
Secretary.

3. Immediately after the election by the Electoral Assembly of a person to be Archbishop, the President of the Electoral Assembly shall notify in writing to the Colonial Secretary the name, surname, address and rank or designation of the person elected to be Archbishop.

Signification
of Governor's
approval or
disapproval.

4.—(1) Upon receipt of a notification as in section 3 provided, the Colonial Secretary shall submit the notification to the Governor for his consideration.

(2) If the Governor approves of the person named in the notification, the Governor shall by an Instrument of Approval, in such form as he may determine, executed under his hand and seal, signify his approval of such person :

Provided that no such Instrument of Approval shall take effect unless and until it has been delivered to the person named therein as in sub-section (4) provided.

(3) Upon the execution by the Governor of the Instrument of Approval as in sub-section (2) provided, the Colonial Secretary shall notify the President of the Electoral Assembly in writing of the execution thereof.

(4) The Instrument of Approval shall be delivered to the person named therein at such time and place and in such manner as the Governor shall determine, and upon the delivery thereof the Colonial Secretary shall notify the President of the Electoral Assembly in writing of such delivery.

(5) If the Governor disapproves of the person named in the notification, the Colonial Secretary shall notify the President of the Electoral Assembly in writing of such disapproval.

Consumma-
tion of
election of
Archbishop.

5.—(1) Unless and until the person elected to be Archbishop has been approved by the Governor as in section 4 (2) provided, and the President of the Electoral Assembly has received the notification of the delivery of the Instrument of Approval in section 4 (4) mentioned, the election of such person shall not be consummated by any religious or ceremonial rites.

(2) Upon receipt of the notification of the delivery of the Instrument of Approval in section 4 (4) mentioned, the President of the Electoral Assembly may make arrangements for the performance of such religious and ceremonial rites as are deemed fit and proper for consummating the election of the person named in the Instrument of Approval.

