

SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1979

No. 32



of 1979

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

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**An Act to amend the Societies Act**

*Date of Assent:* 20.11.79.

*Date of Commencement:* 9.6.72.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

1. This Act may be cited as the Societies (Amendment) Act, 1979, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 9th June, 1972.

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2. The Societies Act is hereby amended by inserting, immediately after section 30 thereof, the following new section —

30A. (1) Where a number of members of a society registered or exempted from registration under this Act (in this section referred to as the "parent society") for any reason decides to leave the parent society for the purpose of forming a new society (in this section referred to as the "new society"), which is subsequently registered or exempted from registration under this Act, and there arises any dispute as to the respective rights of such societies in the movable and immovable properties vested in the parent society, any office bearer of any such society authorized by his society may petition the Minister to settle the dispute.

"Minister to adjudicate property disputes between societies

(2) The Minister shall, on a petition being made to him under subsection (1), appoint a committee consisting

of such number of persons as he considers necessary to investigate the matter in dispute, and the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to him.

(3) On the receipt of the report of the committee appointed under subsection (2) the Minister may —

(a) dismiss the petition; or

(b) by order apportion the properties in dispute between the parties in such manner as he considers fair and equitable having regard to the findings and recommendations of the committee.

(4) Any petition made under the preceding provisions of this section shall have the effect of staying any pending legal proceedings or the execution of any judgment given or order made in relation to any property in respect of which the petition is being made.”.

PASSED by the National Assembly this 19th day of November, 1979.

I.P. GONTSE,  
*Clerk of the National Assembly.*