

THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 5 of 1985)

I assent,

N. Tabai
Beretitenti.

10/9/1985

AN ACT TO AMEND THE RELIGIOUS BODIES
REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (CAP 89)

Commencement:

10/9/85

MADE by the Mancaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the
Beretitenti.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Religious Bodies
Registration (Amendment) Act 1985.

Amendment of
section 2 of
Cap 89.

2. Section 2 of the Religious Bodies Registration
Ordinance (Cap 89) is amended in the definition of
"Religious Body" by:

(i) repealing the words "50 persons of
the age of 21" and substituting the
following:

"2 per cent of persons of the
age of 18 years"; and

(ii) inserting after "upwards" the following:

"as indicated in the latest report of
the Census Commissioner on the census
of the inhabitants of Kiribati taken
pursuant to the Census Ordinance (Cap 8)".

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3. Nothing in this Act shall in any way affect or
invalidate the registration of any religious body duly
registered and made under the Religious Bodies Registration
Ordinance (Cap 84) before the commencement of this Act.


This printed impression has been carefully examined by me with the Bill which passed the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on the 2nd day of September, 1985 and it is found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.



Clerk to the Maneaba
ni Maungatabu


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(a) at the Public Office of the Beretitenti this
10th day of September 1985.



Secretary to Cabinet

(b) at the Maneaba ni Maungatabu this 10th day
of September 1985.



for Clerk to the Maneaba
ni Maungatabu.

RELIGIOUS BODIES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. This Act amends section 2 of the Religious Bodies Registration Ordinance which defines a religious body as "any congregation society or body in Kiribati consisting of or representing not less than 50 persons of the age of 21 years and upwards holding religious tenets in common and which has its own system of discipline and internal government".

2. The proposed amendment is contained in Clause 2 of the Act. It seeks to increase the number of the members of a religious body, before it can qualify to register as a religious body from the current number of 50 persons of the age of 21 years to 2 per cent of persons of the age of 18 years of the whole population of Kiribati as contained in the latest Kiribati Census Report of the Census Commissioner taken under the Census Ordinance.

3. All religious bodies which had been registered under the Religious Bodies Ordinance before the Commencement of the Act will not in any way be affected by this Act if it becomes law. This is contained in clause 3 of the Act.

Michael N. Takabwebe
The Attorney General

LEGAL REPORT

I hereby certify that in my opinion none of the provisions of the above Act conflicts with the Constitution and that the Berotitenti may properly assent to the Act.

Michael N. Takabwebe
The Attorney General

4 March 1985