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**NOTICE**

The Bill following hereunder shall be presented before the House of Representatives for the first reading which will start its session on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and is gazetted for the public notice incorporating together with their objects and reasons.

**ZANZIBAR**  
14<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

(Eng. Zena Ahmed Said)  
***Secretary to the Revolutionary  
Council and Chief Secretary***

**A BILL**

*for*

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND  
MUFTI OF ZANZIBAR, AND PROVIDE FOR PROPER  
SUPERVISION OF ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AND OTHER  
MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

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**ENACTED** by the House of the Representatives of Zanzibar.

**PART ONE**  
**PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

Short title  
and  
commen-  
cement.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Office of the Grand Mufti of Zanzibar Act, 2021 and shall come into operation immediately upon being assented to by the President.

Interpreta-  
tion.

**2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Office” means the Office of the Grand Mufti of Zanzibar established under section 3 of this Act;

“Council” means a Council of Ulamaa established under section 12 of this Act;

“Fat-wa” means a final solution given by the Grand Mufti in Islamic perspective for public interest to any controversial or overlapping issues brought before him or otherwise;

“Committee” means the Disciplinary Committee established under section 15 of this Act;

“Executive Secretary” means the Executive Secretary of the Office of the Grand Mufti of Zanzibar appointed under section 16 of this Act;

“Grand Mufti” means a person appointed under the provisions of section 6 of this Act;

“Lecture” means the gathering of people with the aim of listening and discussing Islamic issues;

“Lecturer” means a main speaker or presenter at the gathering of people with the aim of listening and discussing Islamic issues;

“Deputy Grand Mufti” means a person appointed under the provisions of section 10 of this Act;

“Government” means the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar;

“President” means the President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council;

“Islamic groups” means Islamic groups which are not registered as the Islamic Non-Governmental Organizations and includes hosanna or exorsit groups and the like;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for matters relating to mufti’s Office;

“Shura” means a meeting or session which collects Ulamaa to discuss anything affecting Islamic religious issues;

“Ulamaa” means a religious scholar having adequate knowledge of various Islamic religious matters and Arabic language.

## **PART TWO**

### **THE ESTABLISHMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND STATUS OF THE OFFICE OF GRAND MUFTI**

**3.-(1)** There is hereby established an Office to be known as the Office of the Grand Mufti of Zanzibar. Establishment of the Office.

(2) The Office shall be the independent and having common seal.

(3) The common seal shall be used in a manner provided by the Mufti.

(4) The Office may establish Offices in Districts where a need arises.

**4.- (1)** The Office shall have the functions to:

(a) conduct research on Islamic matters and directives;

Functions of the Office.

- (b) receive issues that need fa-twa, answers or directives in accordance with this Act;
- (c) give Islamic directives for public interest;
- (d) coordinate and supervise preparation of lectures, workshops, seminars and other Islamic activities;
- (e) coordinate Islamic research works from Government or Private Institutions or from any person;
- (f) coordinate, register and regulate the management of mosques, madrasa, maahad, institutions, Islamic groups and Islamic Societies;
- (g) recommend the registration of Islamic societies in accordance with law governing Non Governmental organizations;
- (h) approve lectures from outside Zanzibar after being satisfied with their purpose, capability and ethics;
- (i) keep records of all Zanzibar mosques and Ulamaas;
- (j) control and approve the importation, distribution, and translation of Islamic books;
- (k) coordinate Islamic anniversaries or feasts and announce the sighting of a new moon in accordance with this Act.

(2) The office may implement, coordinate or supervise all matters conferred to it in accordance with Act.

Laws applicable to the Office.

**5.** The Office shall conduct, coordinate or regulate its functions in accordance with Islamic laws, other applicable laws and regulations made under this Act.

Appointment of Grand-Mufti.

**6.-(1)** There shall be a Grand Mufti of Zanzibar who shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Council.

(2) The Grand Mufti shall be paid remuneration as shall be approved by the President.

7. A person shall qualify to be appointed as Grand Mufti if that person:

Qualifications of the Grand Mufti.

- (a) is Zanzibari, male, muslim person of sound integrity and whose age is not less than forty (40) years old;
- (b) has an adequate Islamic knowledge including Qur-an, Sunna and Islamic jurisprudence;
- (c) is respectful among Islamic scholars and Muslim community in general;
- (d) is non-aligned in any partisan politics of political parties.

8. The Grand Mufti shall be:

Status of the Grand Mufti.

- (a) the Supreme Muslim Cleric in Zanzibar and responsible for issuing “fat-wa”, performing and supervising other Muslim religious affairs; and
- (b) by virtue of his status, or any person authorized by him on his behalf, a final spokesperson and representative for all religious matters of Zanzibar Muslims local or abroad.

9.-(1) The Grand Mufti shall have the functions to:

Functions of Grand Mufti.

- (a) issue “fat-wa” on any matter in accordance with Islamic perspective;
- (b) make resolutions and issue Islamic directives in accordance with this Act;
- (c) resolve religious disputes between Muslims and non Muslims in consultation with those other religious leaders;

(d) announce the sighting of a new moon.

(2) The Grand Mufti shall perform his functions under this section in consultation with the Council.

Appoint-  
ment of  
the Deputy  
Grand  
Mufti and  
functions.

**10.**-(1) There shall be a Deputy Grand Mufti of Zanzibar who shall be appointed by the President.

(2) The qualifications and conditions for the appointment of the Grand Mufti shall be applied the same to the appointment of the Deputy Grand Mufti.

(3) The Deputy Grand Mufti shall be a Chief Assistant to the Grand Mufti.

(4) Without prejudice any provisions of this Act, if the Grand Mufti is absent or by any other reason, is unable to perform his functions, the Deputy Grand Mufti shall perform functions and exercise all powers of the Grand Mufti.

Tenure  
of the  
Office and  
immunity.  
Establis-  
ment of  
Council.

**11.**-(1) The Grand Mufti or Deputy Grand Mufti shall hold his post unless:

- (a) his appointment is terminated by the President;
- (b) died; or
- (c) resigned.

(2) The President shall, in exercising his powers under subsection (1) (a) of this section, consider the recommendations given by the investigation committee to be established by him to investigate and state the reason on whether the Grand Mufti or the Deputy Grand Mufti to be removed from the Office or not.

(3) The President shall, in the establishment of the Investigation Committee referred to in subsection (2) of this section, consider Islamic scholars.

**12.**-(1) There is hereby established an advisory organ to the Grand Mufti to be known as Council of Ulamaa in Zanzibar.

(2) The Council shall be composed of:

- (a) The Grand Mufti who shall be a Chairperson of the Council;
- (b) Chief Kadhi;
- (c) Deputy Grand Mufti;
- (d) Deputy Chief Kadhi,;
- (e) Executive Secretary Wakf and Trust Commision;
- (f) One “Sheikh” from each District;
- (g) Other two members basing to their Islamic sects.

(3) Members mentioned in subsection (2) (f) and (g) shall be appointed by the Grand Mufti basing to their experience, education and knowledge relating to Islamic matters.

(4) Executive Secretary shall be the Secretary to the Council.

(5) The procedure of the meeting, tenure of the office of members, and other matters relating to conducting the meeting shall be as prescribed in regulations made under this Act.

(6) The Grand Mufti may invite any person to attend a meeting on the view of giving his recommendations on a matter on deliberation.

**13.** Member mentioned in subsection (2) (f) and (g) of section 12 shall cease to be a member of the Council if he:

- (a) died;
- (b) resigned;
- (c) disables to perform his duties; or

Cessation of  
member-  
ship  
in the  
Council.

- (d) removed from the Office by the Grand Mufti for misconduct or disqualify for the appointment as a member.

Duties of the Council.

**14.**-(1) The Council shall advise the Grand Mufti on Islamic Matters presented before him for obtaining “fat-wa” and discharge any other duty as shall be directed by Grand Mufti.

(2) The solution of the Grand Mufti upon advise of the Council on giving “fat-wa” shall be final and conclusive.

Establishment of Disciplinary Committee.

**15.**-(1) There is hereby established Disciplinary Committee in the Office of the Grand Mufti in Zanzibar.

(2) The Grand Mufti shall appoint three (3) members of Disciplinary Committee which are not from among the members of the Council.

(3) Executive Secretary shall be a Chairperson of the Committee.

(4) The duty of the Committee shall be to advice the Council and Grand Mufti on disciplinary matters.

Executive Secretary and qualifications.

**16.**-(1) There shall be Executive Secretary of the Office who shall be appointed by the President.

(2) A person shall qualify to be appointed as Executive Secretary if that person:

- (a) is Zanzibari;
- (b) Muslim;
- (c) holds at least first degree in Islamic matters;
- (d) has working experience of at least four years in the Public Administration matters,; and
- (e) has sound integrity.



**17.-(1)** The Executive Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer and accounting officer of the Office.

(2) The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the execution and supervision of day to day activities of office including:

- (a) supervision of staff, financial matters and other business;
- (b) preparation of work plans, budget and other administrative matters;
- (c) coordination of all Shuras of the Council;
- (d) preservation and keeping all records of fat-wa issued by the Grand Mufti;
- (e) registration of all fat-wa issued by the Grand Mufti;
- (f) publication of all fat-wa in Official Gazette;
- (g) preparation of reports as may be required in accordance with the applicable laws; and
- (h) performance of any other function in accordance with this Act.

**18.-(1)** There shall be a coordinator of the Office in Pemba appointed by the Grand Mufti.

Office  
Coordi-  
nator in  
Pemba.

(2) The Coordinator under sub section (1) of this section shall be Chief Assistant of the Executive Secretary in Pemba and responsible to the Executive Secretary in the execution of functions of the Office.

**19.** The Office may establish Departments, Divisions and Units in accordance with the Public Service Act.

Depart-  
ments,  
Divisions  
and Units.

Officers and other Staff.

**20.** The Office may employ such Officers and other staffs as may be required in accordance with the Public Service Act for the purpose of executing the functions of the Office.

### **PART THREE “FAT-WA”**

Issues to be given “fat-wa”.

**21.** The Grand Mufti shall have a duty to provide “fat-wa” or answers by interpreting Islamic provisions according to the Islamic law arguments on matters including ideology, worship, transactions, marriage, divorce, inheritance, will, gift and the like which will be presented or asked by any person or entity.

Matters of Contingency in the country.

**22.** The Grand Mufti shall have a duty to provide “fat-wa” on any emergent or contingent matter submitted to him, in any procedure, which relates to any Islamic question or matter in the country, community or other matter that needs to be resolved.

Duty to respond to Questions.

**23.** It is the duty of the Office to educate people and provide them with “fat-wa or answers in response to the needs of clarification and interpretation of Islamic provisions.

Legality of the “fat-wa”.

**24.-(1)** Any particular “fat-wa” given by the Grand Mufti on any issue shall be a mandate applicable in Zanzibar for that particular issue.

(2) Subject to provisions of subsection (1) of this section, such fat-wa shall be pronounced, written and signed by the Grand Mufti.

(3) The Office shall record, register, and publish such “fat-wa in the Official Gazette and make publication through mass media.

### **PART FOUR COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF ISLAMIC ACTIVITIES**

Settlement.

**25.-(1)** The Office shall be responsible to settle any dispute in the event between:

- (a) Muslims;
- (b) Muslims and non - Muslims;
- (c) Religious groups and various institutions.

(2) In the event of the dispute under subsection (1) (b) and (c), such dispute shall be settled by the Office in collaboration with leaders of such other religions and various institutions.

(3) The Office may set procedures of submitting the matter for settlement under this Act.

**26.** The Office shall conduct, coordinate, or collaborate with public or private institutions or any person in conducting research in Zanzibar on any Islamic matter.

Coordination for research.

**27.** The Office may provide permits or recommendations in matters relating to islamic religion including:

Religious permits and tax exemption.

- (a) permits for fund raising for medical assistance, construction, maintenance of mosques, madrasa, maahad and the like;
- (b) recommendations to the responsible authorities for the tax exemption for any importation of equipments or other things to be used for religious activities in Zanzibar.

**28.** It shall be a duty to the Office to control and approve the importation, distribution, translations and use of all Islamic books and works of Islamic arts.

Control of books and works of Islamic arts.

**29.-(1)** The Office shall collaborate with the Ministry responsible for education in developing and promoting guidelines and curriculum for islamic religious education for schools and colleges in Zanzibar.

Guidilines and Curriculum.

(2) The Office may, in collaboration with the Ministry responsible for education, set guidelines of teaching in madrassa and maahad in Zanzibar.

Coordination of people converted into Islam.

**30.** The Office shall set procedures of providing certificates to people converted into Islam.

Coordination of madrasas, maahad and mosques.

**31.**-(1) The Office shall register all madrasas, maahad and Mosques in Zanzibar.

(2) The Office shall coordinate and supervise the activities of all madrasas, maahad and Mosques in Zanzibar and give directives.

(3) The Office may revoke the registration of any madrasa, maahad or mosque under this section if its management fails to comply with this Act, regulations, guidelines or directives given.

(4) A person who is aggrieved with the decision made under this section may appeal to the Minister;

(5) The Minister may make regulations regarding procedures for appeal under this section.

Recognition of Maahad.

**32.**-(1) The Office shall have the power to identify, certify and issue certificate of registration to all Maahad and their academic levels in Zanzibar.

(2) The Office shall, in collaboration with the Ministry responsible for education, secure the official recognition of the Maahads and their educational levels within Tanzania.

Islamic non-governmental organizations.

**33.**-(1) Notwithstanding other provisions under the law governing Non-Governmental Organizations, an Islamic Non-Governmental Organization shall not be registered in Zanzibar before obtaining the written recommendations from the Office.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall apply to the local, regional and international Islamic Non-Governmental Organizations.

**34.-(1)** A Zanzibar Muslim lecturer shall not conduct public lecture outside the mosque without obtaining a written consent from the Office.

Zanzibar  
Muslim  
lecturer.

(2) The Office may provide written consent to any of the Zanzibar Muslim lecturer after being satisfied with his ability and ethics.

**35.-(1)** A Muslim lecturer from outside Zanzibar shall not conduct a public lecture without obtaining a written consent from the Office.

A Muslim  
lecturer  
from  
outside  
Zanzibar.

(2) The Office may provide a written consent to any Muslim lecturer from outside Zanzibar after being satisfied with his ability and ethics.

(3) The lecture mentioned in this section includes the lecture to be conducted inside or outside of the mosque or on the radio or television.

**36.-(1)** The Office may provide permanent or temporary written consents to any of the Zanzibar Muslim Lecturer after being satisfied with his ability and ethics.

Types of  
consents.

(2) There shall be no permanent consent to be provided in any way to any Muslim lecturer from outside Zanzibar.

**37.-(1)** The Office shall coordinate and supervise preparation of lectures, workshops, seminars, conferences and other Islamic activities in Zanzibar.

Coordina-  
tion of  
various  
activities.

(2) A person shall not conduct any of the activity under subsection (1) of this section without giving notification and be accepted in writing by the Office.

**38.-(1)** The Office may coordinate and supervise the Islamic groups in Zanzibar and give guidance when it is necessary to do so.

Islamic  
groups.

(2) The Office shall register and keep records of all Islamic groups in Zanzibar.

Permission to start first Friday prayer.

**39.** The Office shall have the sole authority of permitting to start the first Friday prayer in Zanzibar Mosques.

Registration of Ulamaa.

**40.** (1) The Office shall register and maintain the records of all Ulamaa in Zanzibar.

(2) The Office shall set procedures for registration of Ulamaa in Zanzibar.

National Islamic ceremonies.

**41.**-(1) The Office shall coordinate the following ceremonials:

(a) National Iddi prayer and “Baraza la Iddi” ;

(b) National Birthday ceremony of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him);

(c) any other ceremony as the Government may permit the coordination of the Office on that regard.

(2) The Office may establish a Committee for efficiency of the ceremonies mentioned under this section.

(3) All National Islamic Ceremonies in Zanzibar shall be confirmed by the Office only.

Authority to announce the sighting of a new moon.

**42.** The Office shall have the sole authority of announcing the sighting of a new moon in Zanzibar.

## **PART FIVE POWERS OF THE OFFICE**

Powers and jurisdiction of the Office.

**43.** For the purpose of efficiency and effectiveness of the execution of its functions, the Office may:

(a) summon any person or body of persons or institution for the purpose of settling any religious dispute or any matter under its jurisdiction;

- (b) give orders, prohibitions  
, directives or conditions on any matter under its jurisdiction;
- (c) grant consent, generally or temporary for any Islamic activities, including Ijtimai and lectures or any Islamic gathering in Zanzibar;
- (d) refuse to grant and cancel the consent, generally or temporary for any Islamic activities including Ijtimai and lectures or any Islamic gathering in Zanzibar;
- (e) prohibit or forbid from practicing either Zanzibar Muslim lecturer or lecturer from outside in Zanzibar when it is satisfied that, such lecturer is unqualified or lack ability on Islamic matters or ethics, or he threatens to violate peace and stability;
- (f) prohibit or prevent local teacher or teacher from outside Zanzibar of Madrasa to teach or participate in such Madrasa activities when it is satisfied that such teacher:
  - (i) has no moral turpitude;
  - (ii) depravity;
  - (iii) is suspected or alleged of child or women abuse or molestation;
  - (iv) is unqualified or lacks ability on Islamic matters;  
or
  - (v) threatens to violate peace and stability.
- (g) close or temporarily change the use of premise of mosque, madrasa or maahad in case of break of peace or violation of Islam ethics;

- (h) issue statement admonish or rebuke any person on any matter that affects Muslims' emotions.

Communi-  
cation  
with other  
similar  
Offices.

**44.** The Office may communicate with other similar offices in the country, Zonal and International for the purposes of strengthening relationship, exchange experience, knowledge and new ideas relating to various Islamic matters.

Joining in  
any zonal or  
internation-  
al Islamic  
organiza-  
tions.

**45.** The Office may, upon the approval by the Minister, join with any Zonal or International Islamic Organization which deals with Islamic developments.

## **PART SIX OFFENCES AND PUNISHMENTS**

Offences  
and punish-  
ments.

**46.** A person who:

- (a) interferes with functions of the Office prescribed under of this Act;
- (b) neglects or fails to comply with the summons of the Office without reliable justification;
- (c) neglects or fails to comply with orders, prohibitions, directives or conditions given under this Act; or
- (d) conducts public Islamic activities including Ijtimai, lectures or any Islamic gathering in open or public space or outside the mosque in Zanzibar without consent given by the Office,

commits an offence and upon conviction:

- (i) his licence or permit shall be revoked; or
- (ii) shall be liable to a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Tanzania Shillings; or



- (iii) shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months but not exceeding one year or both such fine and imprisonment.

**47.** A person who contravenes any provision of this Act or commits an offence which has no specific punishment under this Act, commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than Three Hundred Thousand but not exceeding One Million Tanzania Shillings or to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months and not exceeding six months or both such fine and imprisonment.

General  
Punish-  
ment.

## PART SEVEN FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

**48.-(1)** The funds and other resources of the Office shall consist of:

Funds of  
the Office.

- (a) money appropriated by the House of Representatives for the purpose of the Office;
- (b) loans or grants received by the Office for its activities; and
- (c) any other money as may be legally acquired by the Office.

**49.-(1)** The Office shall, not less than two months before the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister an annual budget for approval showing estimates of its revenues and expenditures for the following financial year.

Budget.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, the Office may, at any time before the end of the financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister for approval any estimates supplementary to the budget of the current financial year.

**50.-(1)** The Office shall keep accounts and records of all transactions and ensure that all money received or paid by the Office is properly accounted for.

Accounts  
and audits.

(2) The annual financial statements of the Office shall be audited by the Controller and Auditor General.

Annual  
Report.

**51.**-(1) The Office shall, within seven months after the end of each financial year, prepare or cause to be prepared and submit to the Minister an Annual Report.

(2) The annual report under subsection (1) of this section, shall provide detailed information regarding the activities of the Office during that financial year which it relates, and shall include:

- (a) copy of audited financial statements of the Office together with the auditor's report;
- (b) performance report of the Office of that financial year; and
- (c) such other substantial information of the Office as required by this Act.

(3) For public access to information, upon approval by the Minister, the annual report of the Office shall be published.

## **PART EIGHT MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Cross  
cutting  
works.

**52.** Notwithstanding the functions and duties referred to in this Act or any other applicable law, the Office may do any other thing that is appropriate and relevant to achieve the objectives of this Act.

Regula-  
tions.

**53.**-(1) The Minister may make regulations for the efficiency and effective implementation of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the subsection (1) of this section, the Minister may make regulations prescribing:

- (a) procedures of conducting of Council's meetings;
- (b) procedures of coordinating Islamic anniversaries or feasts;

- (c) any other regulations for the effective implementation of the functions of under this Act.

**54.-(1)** The Grand Mufti may make codes of conduct and set guidelines for the effective implementation of the provisions under this Act. Codes of conduct and Guidelines.

(2) Without prejudice the generality of the provisions under sub section (1) of this section, the Grand Mufti may specifically issue guidelines in relation to the manner and procedures:

- (a) to be followed before and after issuance of fat-wa and answers and elaboration on Islamic matters;
- (b) recognition and qualifications used to identify Ulamaa of Zanzibar;
- (c) announcement of new moon sighting;
- (d) settlement, issuance of Islamic guidelines and the manner of creating good relation within the society;
- (e) coordination, registration and management of functions of operating mosques, qurani-classes, madrasa, institutions, Islamic groups and organisations prescribed under this Act; and
- (f) any other guidelines that assist the effective implementation of this Act.

**55.** Section 4(2)(d) of the Wakf and Trust Commission Act, No. 2 of 2007 is hereby repealed. Amendment of the Wakf and Trust Commission Act, No. 2 of 2007.

**56.-(1)** An Act for the establishment of the Office of the Mufti Act, No. 9 of 2001, is hereby repealed. Repeal and savings.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal under sub section (1) of this section, anything done under the repealed Act shall be deemed to be done under this Act.

## OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object and the reason of this bill is to enact an Act that establishes the Office of the Grand Mufti of Zanziabr and provide for proper supervision of islamic affairs and other matters relating thereto to ensure the effective coordination on Islamic matters .

The bill consists of eight Parts whereas:

**PART ONE:** This part provides for Preliminary Provisions under section 1 and 2 which includes Short title together with Commencement of the Act and Interpretation section.

**PART TWO:** This part provides for the Establishment, Administration and Status of the Office of Mufti from section 3 to 20 which elaborate on: establishment of the Office, functions of the Office, laws applicable to the, appointment of Mufti Office, qualifications of the Mufti, Status of the Mufti, functions of Mufti, appointment of the Deputy and his functions, immunity and tenure of the Office of Mufti and Deputy Mufti, establishment of Council of Ulamaa, cessation of membership in Council of Ulamaa, Functions of the Council, establishment of Disciplinary Committee, Executive Secretary, functions and Powers of the Executive Secretary, Office Coordinator in Pemba, Departments, Divisions and Units. Officers and Other Staff and qualifications.

**PART THREE:** This part provides for Primary duty of the Office that is the issuance of fatwa from section 21 to 24 which elaborates on: issues to be given “fat-wa”, matters of Contingency in the country, necessity of questions to be solved, and legality of the “fat-wa.

**PART FOUR:** This part provides for Coordination and Supervision of Islamic Activities from section 25 to 42 which elaborates on: Settlement, Coordination for research, Religious permits and tax exemption recommendations, Control of books and works of Islamic arts, Guidilines and Curriculum, Coordination of people converted into Islam. Coordination of qurani-classes, madrasas and mosques, Accreditation of Maahad, Islamic Non-governmental Organizations, Local lecturers, Foreign lecturers, Types of consents, Coordination of various activities, Islamic groups, Permission to start first “Jum’a” prayer, Registration of Ulamaa, and Authority to announce the sighting of a new moon.

***PART FIVE:*** This part provides for Powers of the Office from section 43 to 45 which elaborates on Powers and Jurisdiction of the Office; Communication with other similar Offices and Joining in any Zonal or International Islamic Organizations.

***PART SIX:*** This part provides for Offences and Punishments from section 46 to 47 which elaborates on Failure to obey “fat-wa”; Other Offences and General Punishment.

***PART SEVEN:*** This part provides for Financial Provisions from section 48 to 51 which elaborates on Funds of the Office, Budget, Accounts and audits, Annual Report.

***PART EIGHT:*** This part provides for Miscellaneous Provisions from section 52 to 56 which elaborates on Cross cutting works; Regulations; Codes of conduct and Guidelines; Amendment of the Wakf and Trust Commission Act, No. 2 of 2007 and Repeal and Savings.

**Zanzibar  
14<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

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