

A BILL

*i n t i t u l e d*

An Act to amend the Syariah Court Civil Procedure (Federal Territories) Act 1998.

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**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

**Short title, application and commencement**

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Syariah Court Civil Procedure (Federal Territories) (Amendment) Act 2013.

(2) This Act applies only to the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya.

(3) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of section 2**

**2.** The Syariah Court Civil Procedure (Federal Territories) Act 1998 [*Act 585*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in section 2 by substituting for the definition of “Administration Act” the following definition:

‘ “Administration Act” means the Administration of the Religion of Islam (Federal Territories) Act 2013 [*Act* ];’.

**Amendment of section 221**

3. The principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection 221(3) the following subsection:

“(3) Court fees shall be paid in any manner as specified by the Chief Syarie Judge.”.

**Deletion of section 246**

4. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 246.

**Amendment of section 247**

5. Subsection 247(1) of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “Syariah Court Rules Committee” the words “Rules Committee of the Syariah Courts established under the Administration Act”.

**Savings**

6. All rules made by the Syariah Court Rules Committee under the principal Act immediately before the commencement of this Act shall remain in operation until revoked or replaced by rules made by the Rules Committee of the Syariah Courts established under the Administration Act.

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Bill seeks to amend the Syariah Court Civil Procedure (Federal Territories) Act 1998 (“Act 585”).

2. *Clause 1* of the Bill contains the short title, application and the commencement of the proposed Act.

3. *Clause 2* seeks to amend section 2 of Act 585 to substitute the definition of “Administration Act” consequent upon the proposed enactment of a new Administration of the Religion of Islam (Federal Territories) Bill 2013.

4. *Clause 3* seeks to amend subsection 221(3) of Act 585 to enable Court fees to be paid in any manner as specified by the Chief Syarie Judge.

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5. *Clauses 4 and 5* seek to delete section 246 and to amend subsection 247(1) of Act 585 consequential to the establishment of the Rules Committee of the Syariah Court in the Administration of the Religion of Islam (Federal Territories) Bill 2013 and the power to make rules is now being transferred in the new Committee.
6. *Clause 6* deals with savings provision.

*FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS*

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.

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