

(b) Where the Minister has enlarged the area of a municipality as aforesaid, he may, by order, appoint additional councillors from among the inhabitants of the newly-included area. A councillor appointed as aforesaid shall hold office so long as the council holds office: Provided that the Minister may, by order, appoint another person in his stead."

Commencement. 2. This Law shall come into force on the date of its adoption by the Knesset.

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(No. 26)

PROTECTION OF HOLY PLACES LAW, 5727-1967*

Protection of Holy Places. 1. The Holy Places shall be protected from desecration and any other violation and from anything likely to violate the freedom of access of the members of the different religions to the places sacred to them or their feelings with regard to those places.

Offences. 2. (a) Whosoever desecrates or otherwise violates a Holy Place shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of seven years.

(b) Whosoever does anything likely to violate the freedom of access of the members of the different religions to the places sacred to them or their feelings with regard to those places shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of five years.

Saving of laws. 3. This Law shall add to, and not derogate from, any other law.

Implementation and regulations. 4. The Minister of Religious Affairs is charged with the implementation of this Law, and he may, after consultation with, or upon the proposal of, representatives of the religions concerned and with the consent of the Minister of Justice make regulations as to any matter relating to such implementation.

Commencement. 5. This Law shall come into force on the date of its adoption by the Knesset.

LEVI ESHKOL
Prime Minister

ZERACH WARHAFTIG
Minister of Religious Affairs

SHNEUR ZALMAN SHAZAR
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