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33 of 1975. **AN ACT to make provision for radio and television broadcasting services in Dominica, to set up a special board for that purpose and for purposes connected therewith.**

Commencement. [11th December 1975]

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the –
DOMINICA BROADCASTING CORPORATION ACT.

Interpretation. 2. (1) In this Act –
“Board” means the Broadcasting Board established under section 4;
“broadcast relay station” means a radio television station for the retransmission by wire, cable or other means to their customers by persons maintaining a radio television station, of broadcast programmes received by those persons either by cable or wire or other means;
“Corporation” means the Corporation established under section 3;
“financial year” means twelve months beginning on 1st July and ending on 30th June in each year;
“Manager” means the Manager appointed under section 6(6);
“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Broadcasting Services.
(2) A reference in any law to the National Broadcasting Station shall be deemed to be a reference to Dominica Broadcasting Corporation.

The Dominica Broadcasting Corporation. 3. There shall be a Corporation, to be called the Dominica Broadcasting Corporation (in this Act referred to as “the Corporation”) whose function shall be to provide, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, television and radio broadcasting services of high quality, both as to the transmission and as to the matter transmitted, for so much of Dominica as may from time to time be reasonably practicable.

Broadcasting Board. 4. (1) The Corporation shall be managed by a Broadcasting Board hereinafter referred to as “the Board” which shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and such other members, not being less than seven as the Minister may from time to time determine.

(2) All the members of the Board shall be appointed by the Minister from among persons appearing to him to be qualified for the office, and the members of the Board other than the Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall be persons who appear to the Minister to have a knowledge of artistic and cultural affairs, journalism, writing, business management, law, radio and television.

(3) The Minister may at any time direct by notice in writing, that any member of the Board shall cease to hold office, and any member of the Board may at any time by notice in writing to the Minister resign his office; but, save as aforesaid and subject to the provisions of subsection (4), every member of the Board shall hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be fixed at the time of his appointment, and shall, on ceasing to be a member, be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) If any member of the Board dies or ceases to hold office before the expiration of the term for which he was appointed, the term of office of his successor shall be so fixed as to expire at the end of the first-mentioned term, but the Minister may, if he thinks fit to do so defer the making of an appointment until the expiration of the said first-mentioned term.

5. The Corporation shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and power to hold land without licence if required for its own use.

Corporation to be
a body corporate.

6. (1) The Board may act notwithstanding a vacancy among its members.

Constitution of
the Board.
[32 of 1978].

(2) The quorum of the Board shall be five including the Chairman.

(3) It shall be within the capacity of the Board to do such things and enter into such transactions as are incidental or conducive to the exercise and performance of its powers and duties under this Act, including the borrowing of money.

(4) (a) A member of the Board who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a contract made or proposed to be made by the Board shall, as soon as possible after the relevant circumstances have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Board.