

The Kazis Act, 1880

(ACT NO. XII OF 1880)

An Act for the appointment of persons to the office of Kazi.

[WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for appointment of persons to be office of Kazi; It is enacted as follows:-]

Short title

1. This Act may be called the Kazis Act, 1880;

Local extent

The ¹[Government] may from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, extend it to the whole or any part of the territories under its administration.

Power to appoint Kazis for any local area

2. Whenever it appears to the ²[Government] that any considerable number of the ³[Muslims] resident in any local area desire that one or more Kazis should be appointed for such local area, the ⁴[Government] may, if it thinks fit, after consulting the principal ⁵[Muslim] residents of such local area, select one or more fit persons and appoint him or them to be kazis for such local area.

If any question arises whether any person has been rightly appointed kazi under this section, the decision thereof by the ⁶[Government] shall be conclusive.

The ⁷[Government] may, if it thinks fit, suspend or remove any kazi appointed under this section who is guilty of any misconduct in the execution of his office, or who is for a continuous period of six months absent from the local area for which he is appointed, or leaves such local area for the purpose or leaves such local area for the purpose of residing elsewhere, or is declared an insolvent, or desires to be discharged from