



**KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SEVENTH SESSION**

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST (KARNATAKA AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

(LA Bill No. 84 of 2025)

(As passed by the Karnataka Legislative Assembly)

A Bill to amend the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 in its application to the State of Karnataka.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 (Bombay Act XXIX of 1950) in its application to the State of Karnataka for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the seventy sixth year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Bombay Public Trust (Karnataka Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come in to force on such date as the State Government may by notification in the Official Gazette appoint.

2. Substitution of section 4.- In the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 (Bombay Act XXIX of 1950) (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), for section 4, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“4. Appointment of Charity Commissioner and Joint Charity Commissioner.- (1) The Regional Commissioner, Belagavi Region shall be the Charity Commissioner.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district shall be the Joint Charity Commissioner.”

3. Amendment of section 5.- In section 5, of the Principal Act,-

(i) for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) The Assistant Commissioner of the concerned sub-division shall be the Deputy Charity Commissioner.”; and

(ii) for sub-section (2A), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2A) The Tahasildar of the concerned Taluk shall be the Assistant Charity Commissioner.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**(As appended to at the time of introduction)**

It is considered to amend the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 (Bombay Act XXIX of 1950) to appoint,-

- (i) the Regional Commissioner, Belagavi Region as the Charity Commissioner;
- (ii) the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district as the Joint Charity Commissioner;
- (iii) the Assistant Commissioner of the concerned sub-division as the Deputy Charity Commissioner; and
- (iv) the Tahasildar of the concerned Taluk as the Assistant Charity Commissioner.

Hence, the Bill.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

There is no extra expenditure involved in the proposed legislative measure.

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Secretary
Karnataka Legislative Council

ANNEXURE
EXTRACT FROM THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950
(Bombay Act XXIX of 1950)

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4. Qualifications for appointment of Charity Commissioner and Joint Charity Commissioner.- A person to be appointed as the Charity Commissioner or a joint Charity Commissioner shall be one-

(a) who is holding or has held a judicial office not lower in rank than that of a District Judge or a judge of the Bombay City Civil Court, or the Chief Judge of the Presidency Small Cause Court, or

(b) who has been for not less than ten years-

(i) an advocate enrolled under the Indian Bar Councils Act, 1926,

(ii) an attorney of High Court, or

(iii) a pleader enrolled under the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920.

5. Deputy and Assistant Charity Commissioner.- (1) The State Government may also appoint such number of Deputy and Assistant Charity Commissioners for such regions or sub-regions or for such public trust or such class of public trusts as may be deemed necessary.

(2) A person to be appointed as a Deputy Charity Commissioner shall be one-

(a) who is holding or has held a judicial office not lower in rank than that of a Civil Judge (Senior Division) or a Judge of the Court of Small Causes of Bombay or any office which in the opinion of the State Government is an equivalent office, or

(b) who has been for not less than eight years,-

(i) an advocate enrolled under the Indian Bar Councils Act, 1926, Charity Commissioner. Bom. XXI of 1960. Joint Charity Commissioners. Qualifications for appointment of Charity Commissioner and Joint Charity Commissioner. XXVIII of 1926. Bom. XVII of 1920. Deputy and Assistant Charity Commissioners. XXXVIII of 1926.

(ii) an attorney of a High Court, or

(iii) a pleader enrolled under the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920.

(2A) A person to be appointed as an Assistant Charity Commissioner shall be a person-

(a) who is holding or has held a judicial office not lower in rank than that of a Civil Judge (Junior Division) or any office which in the opinion of the State Government is an equivalent office, for not less than four years, or

(b) who has been for not less than seven years,-

(i) an advocate enrolled under the Indian Bar Councils Act, 1929,

(ii) an attorney of a High Court, or

(iii) a pleader enrolled under the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920.

(3) The Deputy and Assistant Charity Commissioners shall exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as may be provided by or under the provisions of this Act

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