

**Law 4559/2018 (A'142) "University of Ioannina, Ionian University, and Other Provisions"**

**Article 50**

**Matters Concerning the Church of Greece**

1. In Article 38 of Law 590/1977 (A' 146), a new paragraph 3 is added as follows:

"3. The Holy Synod shall establish and maintain a permanent register of serving parish priests, deacons, and preachers of the Holy Metropolises, which shall be updated by the Holy Metropolises upon the departure or ordination of clergy and upon any changes in their personal status. A regulation, approved by the Holy Synod upon proposal of the Standing Holy Synod and published in the Government Gazette, shall determine the data and particulars to be recorded in the register, as well as the competencies, conditions, and procedures for its maintenance, structure, operation, updating, interconnection with other records, and the publication of its data. The Holy Metropolises are obliged to update the register of religious ministers under article 14 of Law 4301/2014 (A' 223), with regard to their religious ministers, regardless of the operation of the Holy Synod's Register."
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  - a. In paragraph 4 of article 1 of Law 590/1977 (A' 146), the phrase "and ecclesiastical museums" is replaced by the phrase ", ecclesiastical museums and Holy Hermitages"
  - b. In paragraph 6 of article 39 of Law 590/1977 (A' 146), a second sentence is added as follows: "The above shall also apply to Holy Hermitages, regardless of their legal form."
  - c. The provision of the preceding subparagraph shall also apply to existing Holy Hermitages, regardless of any contrary provisions in their founding documents and their current operating status.
3. In article 4 of Law 590/1977 (A' 146), a new subparagraph (id) is added as follows:

"(id) adopts, upon the proposal of the Standing Holy Synod, regulations published in the Government Gazette which determine, in accordance with the sacred canons and by analogy to the provisions applicable to legal entities under public law: a) the general rules of administrative operation of ecclesiastical legal entities, including deadlines and conditions for ex officio action, b) applications and recommendations for the issuance of administrative acts, c) the handling of cases and the cooperation and communication of ecclesiastical bodies, d) the conditions, procedure, and deadline for exercising the right of access to documents and other data produced or kept by ecclesiastical bodies, e) the exercise of the right to prior hearing, f) the impartiality of the advisory and decision-making bodies, g) the replacement of ecclesiastical bodies, h) the possibility of delegating authority or authorization of signature, i) the deadlines for action by ecclesiastical authorities, (j) the authority to certify signatures and authenticate document copies, k) the rules for maintaining official records of ecclesiastical authorities, l) the establishment, composition, meetings, invitations to members, and operation of collective bodies, m) the procedure for adopting and drafting decisions of collective bodies, n) the conditions for lawful issuance, signature, and justification, o) the conditions and procedure for revocation, publication, and legal validity in general, p) the authorities responsible for service, the conditions and notification methods of administrative acts to their recipients, q) the types and conditions for filing administrative appeals, the competent deciding bodies, and the procedure for adjudicating such appeals. By regulation, in accordance with the above, it shall also determine the policy for the management and processing of personal and non-personal data and the keeping of records by ecclesiastical legal entities under public law, in compliance with applicable legislation. The scope of application of the above

regulations may also include ecclesiastical legal entities under private law, for matters that do not conflict with their nature as legal entities under private law”