

**Act on the Establishment of the Administrative Authority:
Datenschutzaufsicht Jehovas Zeugen
[Data Protection Supervisory Authority of Jehovah's
Witnesses] (DSAGJZ)**

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§ 1 Establishment. (1) The Branch Committee establishes the administrative authority known as *Datenschutzaufsicht Jehovas Zeugen* [Data Protection Supervisory Authority of Jehovah's Witnesses], effective as of 24 May 2018.

(2) This administrative authority is an independent agency under religious law. It should acquire its own corporation rights.

(3) The administrative authority has its seat in Berlin.

§ 2 Representation. (1) The administrative authority is represented by the board of directors for the Data Protection Supervisory Authority. This board of directors is appointed by the Branch Committee and can comprise of one to three persons. In the event the board of directors comprises of more than one person, the authority is represented by two board members acting jointly.

(2) In the event the board of directors comprises of more than one person, it makes decisions by means of a simple majority, although the presence of at least two board members is required. Circular resolutions are allowed using electronic media. Responsibilities may be assigned to a board member in instances where the board of directors has decided on basic procedures. Further cooperation with the board of directors is regulated in the rules of procedure.

(3) Only one who possesses the specialised knowledge and demonstrates the reliability necessary to perform the duties can be appointed to the board of directors for the Data Protection Supervisory Authority. He must be a member of the Religious Association and hold the office of an elder.

(4) The appointment lasts for a minimum duration of four years and a maximum duration of eight years. Repeated reappointment shall be permitted. By way of derogation from sentence 1, the appointment of a provisional acting board of directors is allowed for a period of up to one year following the establishment of the Data Protection Supervisory Authority.

(5) The appointment can be revoked before the term of office has expired if the conditions in paragraph 3 are no longer fulfilled. At the request of the data subject, the Branch Committee can withdraw the appointment.

§ 3 Independent status. In the course of performing its duties, the Data Protection Supervisory Authority is not bound by instructions and is subject only to the law of the Religious Association and to the law of the State that is binding on the Religious

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Association. The performance of its duties takes place in a manner that is organisationally and materially independent.

§ 4 Resources of the administrative authority. (1) In order to effectively perform its duties, the necessary personnel and material resources shall be made available to the Data Protection Supervisory Authority by the branch office of *Jehovas Zeugen in Deutschland*, K.d.ö.R.

(2) Staff must fulfil the conditions in § 4 RLEMJZ and operate on the basis of § 2, paragraph 2 RLEMJZ (§ 13, par. 3 StRG). Staffing may also be provided by the *Weltweiten Orden der Sondervollzeitdiener der Zeugen Jehovas* [Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses].

(3) Respecting its financial management, the Data Protection Supervisory Authority is bound by the spirit and the principles of the *Vermögensverwaltungsgesetz Jehovas Zeugen* [Assets Administration Law of Jehovah's Witnesses] (Preamble, § 6 VVGJZ). The *Revisionsamt Jehovas Zeugen* [Auditing Authority of Jehovah's Witnesses] shall verify proper financial management insofar as this does not compromise the independence of the Data Protection Supervisory Authority.

§ 5 Responsibility. The responsibility of the Data Protection Supervisory Authority covers the entire scope of application within the meaning of § 1 DSGJZ, according to the version of 21 May 2018 (DSGJZ, new version).

§ 6 Tasks and powers of the Data Protection Supervisory Authority. The tasks and powers of the Data Protection Supervisory Authority are based on the regulations of the DSGJZ (new version), particularly §§ 24, 25.

§ 7 Entry into force. This Act enters into force on 24 May 2018.