

## **BASIC LAW: JERUSALEM THE CAPITAL OF ISRAEL (5740 - 1980)**

**(Unofficial translation by Dr. Susan Hattis Rolef)**

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| Jerusalem - the capital of Israel  | 1. | The complete and united Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.   |
| The seat of the President, the Knesset, the Government and the Supreme Court | 2. | Jerusalem is the seat of the President of the State, the Knesset, the Government, and the Supreme Court.  |
| Protection of the Holy Places  | 3. | The Holy Places shall be protected against desecration, and any other violation, and against anything that is liable to violate the freedom of access of members of the various religions to the places sacred to them, or to their feelings towards those places.  |
| The development of Jerusalem   | 4. | <p>(a) The Government shall pursue the development and prosperity of Jerusalem, and the welfare of its inhabitants, by allocating special resources, including a special annual grant to the Municipality of Jerusalem (Capital City Grant), with the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee.</p> <p>(b) Jerusalem shall be granted special priorities in the activities of the State authorities for the development of Jerusalem in market and economic matters, and in other issues.</p> <p>(c) The Government shall set up a special body or bodies to implement this article.</p> |
| The limits of the Jerusalem area (Amendment No. 1)                           | 5. | <i>Inter alia</i> , the limits of Jerusalem includes, for the purpose of this Basic Law, the whole area described in the addendum to the declaration of the expansion of the limits of the Jerusalem municipality of 20 Sivan 5727 (28 June 1967), that was issued  |

under the Municipalities Ordinance.

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| Prohibition to delegate powers (Amendment No. 1) | 6. No powers concerning the limits of Jerusalem, given by law to the State of Israel or the Municipality of Jerusalem, shall be transferred to a foreign political or governing power, or to another similar foreign authority, whether permanently or for a given period. |
| Entrenchment (Amendment No. 1)                   | 7. The provisions of articles 5 & 6 are not to be changed, save by a Basic law adopted by a majority of the Knesset Members.   |

### **BASIC LAW: JERUSALEM THE CAPITAL OF ISRAEL (Amendment)**

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| Goal              | 1. This Basic Law is designed to prescribe in Basic Law: Jerusalem the Capital of Israel, a limitation regarding a change in the limits of the area of Jerusalem, and a change in the application of the law, jurisdiction and administration of the State of Israel in these limits, as well as to prohibit the transfer of any sort of government or municipal authority relating to the limits of Jerusalem, to any body that does not act by force of the law of the State of Israel. |
|                   | 2. (The amendment was integrated into the main law)   |
| Retention of laws | 3. The provisions of this Basic Law do not detract from the provisions of the Law for the Implementation of the Interim Agreement concerning the West Bank and Gaza Strip (limitation of activity) 5755-1994, or the provisions of any law.   |