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ABSTRACT

Sangha Administration, Theravada Sect, in Thailand is subjected to The Thai Sangha Administration Act B.E. 2505. The structure of its organization under this Act provides centralization system, that is to say, the process by which the Sangha Administrative real acts is concentrated within only one particular group, called The Sangha Supreme Council.

The study found that the Act was revised and amended twice, firstly B.E. 2535 and secondly B.E. 2547, but the structure of administration has been unchanged, possibly leading to the issues of administration. The Sangha Supreme Council can not solve the problems which happen in Sangha's society promptly and its orders may give rise to the problems in Sangha's society.

Moreover, the administrative court, who has the legal power to check the legality of administrative real acts, does not check those of The Sangha Supreme Council, taking the view that the Sangha administration is that of religious organization.

This thesis, therefore, aims at trends and principles for the further improvement of the said Act by suggesting the separation of powers and by suggesting the way and the scope of another organization for checking the legality of administrative real acts of The Sangha Supreme Council.