

ABSTRACT

This dissertation attempts to discuss, in detail, the issue of ijthid *jamā'ī* and one of its approaches, which is called ijthid *tarjīhī*. The discussion starts with the elaboration on the status of ijthid from various aspects, such as its concept, basics of ruling, laws and so on. What follows is the discussion regarding the status of ijthid *jamā'ī* from various aspects such as its concept, basics of ruling, history of development, approaches and so on.

Further on, this dissertation tries to present one of the fatwa institutions that applies ijthid *jamā'ī* in Malaysia, which is Jemaah Ulama Negeri Kelantan. The discussion starts with the history of the Islamic administration development in Kelantan. It is followed by further elaboration on the Jemaah Ulama, focusing on its objectives, committees, procedure of the issuing of fatwa, meaning of *qawl muktamad* according to Syafi'i Jurist and others.

The discussion continues concerning the fatwas that were issued through the ijthid *tarjīhī* approach, as one of the ijthid *jamā'ī* approaches which is applied by the Jemaah Ulama Negeri Kelantan. Earlier on, the concept of fatwa was elaborated.

This dissertation ends with conclusions from the earlier discussions and at the same time tries to give some suggestions and constructive ideas that can be forwarded to the related authorities.