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DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE

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PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL STRUCTURES AMENDMENT BILL, 2026

1. In accordance with Rule 276(1)*(b)* of the Rules of the National Assembly of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, notice is hereby given that the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs intends to introduce the Local Government: Municipal Structures Amendment Bill, 2026 ("the Coalition Bill"), in the National Assembly.

2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

3. The Coalition Bill seeks to provide a legislative framework that will guide the formation and management of coalition governments, as well as providing systems to minimise the challenges of coalitions within the Local Government sphere. In summation, the Bill seeks to –

   Amend the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998, so as to insert certain definitions; to make it mandatory for a councillor appointed as municipal office bearer or in terms of sections 79, 79A and 80 of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998, to possess the necessary experience, skills or qualifications; to extend the time period within which a local council must appoint its representatives to the district council; to extend the time period within which the first meeting of the council must be called after it has been declared elected; to provide for the time period within which a new speaker must be elected; to provide for voting by the council to include by way of show of hands or secret ballot; to provide for grounds of removal and the procedure for the removal of municipal officer bearers; to extend the time period within which the meeting to determine the members of the executive committee must be held; to extend the time period within which the meeting for the election of the mayor, deputy mayor, an executive mayor and executive deputy mayor must be held; to provide for the period in which an executive mayor must be elected after the removal of the executive mayor; to provide for the period in which a mayoral committee must be appointed after the appointment of the newly elected executive mayor; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

4. A copy of the Bill can be obtained from the websites of the Department of Cooperative Governance at http://www.cogta.gov.za, and that of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at http://www.pmg.org.za and, after introduction, may also be obtained from: Government Printers: Cape Town (Telephone number: (021) 465-7531).

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