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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE ELECTORAL LAWS AMENDMENT BILL, 2026

The Minister of Home Affairs intends introducing the Electoral Laws Amendment Bill, 2026 (the "draft Bill") in the National Assembly. The explanatory summary of the draft Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)*(c)* of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The draft Bill amends the—

- Electoral Commission Act, 1996, so as to provide for the mandatory deregistration of unrepresented parties that fail to annually renew their registration; to insert a provision regarding the eligibility of registered parties to contest elections; and to amend the composition of the Electoral Court;
- Electoral Act, 1998, so as to amend certain definitions; to delete a provision; to amend the provisions providing for the requirements for eligibility to apply for registration as a voter; to limit objections to only the provisionally compiled voters' roll; and to specify the authority of the Commission in deciding objections; and
- Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000, so as to amend a definition; and to amend a provision relating to the eligibility of registered parties to contest elections,

and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Once the draft Bill has been tabled in Parliament, a copy can be obtained from:

1. the Government Printers – Cape Town and Pretoria; or
2. the Chief Director: Legal Services, Department of Home Affairs, 230 Johannes Ramokhoase Street (old c/o Proes & Andries streets), Pretoria, Tel: (012) 406 4273.

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