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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 684 OF 2010

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS AMENDMENT BILL, 2010

The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development intends introducing the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill, 2010, in the National Assembly shortly. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill is intended to amend the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944, so as to regulate anew the qualifications required for the appointment of a person as a magistrate, additional magistrate and magistrate of a regional division; to further regulate the inclusion of magistrates of regional divisions on the list of magistrates who may adjudicate on civil disputes; to authorise the Minister to determine the conditions relating to the authorisation of a person to serve process of court or other documents on behalf of a public body; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://www.pmg.org.za> and may, after introduction, also be obtained from:

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