
GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE 813 OF 2010

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL, 2010

The Minister of Home Affairs intends introducing the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Amendment Bill, 2010 in the National Assembly. The explanatory summary of the Amendment Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Amendment Bill provides for—

- (a) supplementation of the provisions relating to election timetable and to insert related Schedule to the Act;
- (b) the amendment of provisions relating to nomination of candidates;
- (c) the provision relating to central payment of deposits by a party which contests election in more than one municipality;
- (d) the empowerment of presiding officers to alter boundaries of voting stations, if necessary;
- (e) the revision of provisions relating to number of party agents at a voting station;
- (f) the clarification of the rights and responsibilities relating to assistance to certain voters;
- (g) the special votes and the procedure related thereto;
- (h) the enhancement of the powers and functions of the Electoral Commission and the Electoral Court in relation to the determination and declaration of the result of an election;
- (i) the further regulation of the objections material to the result of an election;
- (j) matters connected therewith.

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

1. the Government Printers – Cape Town and Pretoria;
2. the Director: Drafting (Legal Services) Department of Home Affairs, 270 Maggs Street, Waltloo, Pretoria, Tel: (012) 810-8031/8032;