

**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA****NOTICE 3385 OF 2025****MR ROLAND ATHOL PRICE TROLLIP, MP****NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL  
AND INVITATION FOR COMMENT ON THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION  
TWENTY-SECOND\* AMENDMENT BILL, 2025**

Mr Roland Athol Price Trollip, MP., acting in accordance with section 73(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 ("Constitution"), intends to introduce the Constitution Twenty-Second Amendment Bill, 2025 ("draft Bill"), in Parliament. An explanatory summary of the draft Bill is hereby published in accordance with section 74(5) of the Constitution, read with Rule 295(1) and (2) of the Rules of the National Assembly (9<sup>th</sup> Edition).

South Africa's excessively large Executive places an unnecessary financial strain on the fiscus. The office of Deputy Minister is superfluous as it primarily serves as an instrument of political patronage rather than an essential governance role. Furthermore, the President currently has unfettered discretion in appointing Ministers, with no parliamentary oversight or prior vetting process that needs to be followed in such appointments, resulting in questionable appointments, often to the detriment of service delivery. This undermines transparency and erodes public trust in government. In addition, the President currently has the sole discretion to dismiss a Minister, with no parliamentary power to institute a motion of no confidence in a Minister.

The draft Bill aims to improve government efficiency, protect public finances, and enhance democratic accountability in line with best practices in global governance by amending the Constitution in the following respects:

- (a) abolishing the office of Deputy Minister. The potential loss of external expertise is addressed by increasing the number of Ministers that may be selected from outside the National Assembly;
- (b) providing for meaningful proactive oversight over ministerial appointments, with a view to ensure that Ministers are fit for purpose before they assume office; and
- (c) empowering the National Assembly to pass a motion of no confidence in a Minister.

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\* This is a temporary number. The number of the Constitution Amendment Bill will be confirmed upon introduction of the Bill.

Interested parties and institutions are invited to submit written representations on the proposed content of the draft Bill to the Speaker of the National Assembly within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Representations can be delivered to the Speaker, New Assembly Building, Parliament Street, Cape Town; mailed to the Speaker, PO Box 15, Cape Town, 8000; or emailed to [speaker@parliament.gov.za](mailto:speaker@parliament.gov.za) and copied to [parliament@actionsa.org.za](mailto:parliament@actionsa.org.za).

Copies of the draft Bill may be accessed at this link <https://www.actionsa.org.za/cut-the-cabinet/>.

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