

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL (NO.3) BILL (H.B.1, 2026)

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AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 2

Clause 2 is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after paragraph (c):

"(d) The Registrar-General shall submit quarterly reports to Parliament, through the Speaker of the National Assembly and the President of the Senate, detailing—

- (i) the number of voters registered during the reporting period;
 - (ii) the number of registrations rejected and the reasons therefor;
 - (iii) the provincial and district distribution of registered voters;
 - (iv) measures taken to ensure the accuracy, integrity and accessibility of the voters' roll; and
 - (v) any challenges encountered in the discharge of these functions.
- (e) The Registrar-General shall appear before the relevant Portfolio and Thematic Committees of Parliament whenever required to account for the exercise of the functions set out in this section."

JUSTIFICATION

The transfer of voter registration functions to the Registrar-General must be accompanied by robust parliamentary oversight to ensure transparency, accountability and public confidence in the electoral process. Quarterly reporting to

Parliament will strengthen democratic oversight while preserving the efficiency objectives cited in the Bill.

AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 3

Clause 3 be amended by the insertion of a new subsection as follows:

"(9) The election of Members of Parliament shall be conducted under a system of proportional representation prescribed by an Act of Parliament in order to ensure that the composition of Parliament reflects as nearly as possible the proportion of votes cast for political parties and independent candidates in a general election."

JUSTIFICATION

Where the President is elected by Parliament rather than by direct popular vote, it is essential that Parliament itself accurately reflects the political preferences of the people of Zimbabwe. A proportional representation electoral system enhances inclusivity, reduces political exclusion, strengthens national cohesion and ensures that all significant political viewpoints are represented in the election of the President.

AMENDMENT TO CLAUSES 11, 12 AND 13

Delete Clauses 11, 12 and 13 in their entirety.

JUSTIFICATION

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission is already constitutionally mandated to manage electoral processes and possesses the institutional knowledge, technical expertise and constitutional legitimacy necessary to undertake delimitation of electoral boundaries.

The creation of a separate Delimitation Commission would result in duplication of functions, increased administrative costs and potential jurisdictional disputes between constitutional bodies.

Rather than establishing a new commission, Parliament should strengthen the capacity, independence and accountability of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to effectively perform delimitation functions.

FURTHER AMENDMENT

Insert a new provision requiring the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to submit a delimitation report to Parliament for debate and consideration before the report is transmitted to the President.

The report shall include—

- (a) the criteria used in drawing electoral boundaries;
- (b) population statistics relied upon;
- (c) public submissions received;
- (d) objections raised and how they were addressed; and
- (e) maps and descriptions of all proposed constituency and ward boundaries.

Signature of Mover