

**THE LAW ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2006**

**MEMORANDUM**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Law Association of Zambia

Act so as to —

- (a) expand the composition of the Legal Practitioners' Committee;
- (b) mandate the Council of the Law Association of Zambia to appoint members of the Legal Practitioners' Committee; and
- (c) to provide for matters connected with or incidental to the foregoing:

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**N.A.B. 16, 2006**  
10th March, 2006

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

**ACT**

No. 16 of 2006

Date of Assent: 12th May, 2006.

**An Act to amend the Law Association of Zambia Act.**

[19th May, 2006

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. This Act may be cited as the Law Association of Zambia (Amendment) Act, 2006, and shall be read as one with the Law Association of Zambia Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title

Cap. 31

2. Section *thirteen* of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment  
of section 13

(a) by the deletion of subsections (3) (4) (5) and (6) and the substitution therefor of the following subsections:

(3) The Council shall appoint a Legal Practitioners' Committee consisting of not less than nine and not more than thirteen members of the Association.

(4) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Legal Practitioners' Committee unless the person—

(a) holds a current practising certificate issued under the Legal Practitioners Act and is in Practice in Zambia; and

Cap. 30

(b) has been in practice for a period of at least ten years.

(5) The members of the Legal Practitioners' Committee shall hold office for a period of three years and shall elect, from amongst their number, a convenor and such number of secretaries and other officers as they may determine.

(6) The Council may remove a member of the Legal Practitioner's Committee from office if the member —

(a) is absent without reasonable cause from three consecutive meetings of the Committee of which the member has had notice; or

(b) is struck off the Roll or suspended from practice as the case may be.

Insertion of new section 13A

3. The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section *thirteen* of the following new section:

Power to suspend practising certificate Cap. 30

13A. The Legal Practitioners' Committee may, on its own volition or, on the advice of the Disciplinary Committee established pursuant to section *four* of the Legal Practitioners Act, suspend, for such period as the Legal Practitioners' Committee may determine, the practising certificate of a practitioner to whom an application under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section *twenty-two* of that Act, relates, pending the outcome of the hearing of the case by the Disciplinary Committee.

Amendment of principal Act

4. The principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman" wherever they appear and the substitution therefor of the words "President" and "Vice-President" respectively.

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