

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 39 of 2026

Date of Assent: 4th June, 2026

An Act to amend the Agricultural Lands Act.

[12th June, 2026

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Agricultural Lands (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Agricultural Lands Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

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(2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Board in accordance with this Act.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definition in the appropriate place in alphabetical order:

Amendment of section 2

“House of Chiefs” means the House of Chiefs established under the Constitution;.

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Amendment
of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsections (2), (3) and (4) and the substitution therefor of the following:

(2) The Board consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:

- (a) the Chairperson, who shall be a person from the private sector with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act;
- (b) a representative each from the ministries responsible for —
 - (i) lands; and
 - (ii) agriculture;
- (c) a representative of the Attorney-General;
- (d) a representative from the Zambia National Farmers Union;
- (e) a representative of the Economics Association of Zambia;
- (f) a representative of the House of Chiefs;
- (g) a representative of smallholder farmers;
- (h) a representative of the Surveyors Institute of Zambia;
- (i) a representative of a civil society organisation concerned with human rights, land administration or gender; and
- (j) one person from the private sector with experience and knowledge in finance and human resettlement.

(3) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the President.

(4) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Board if that person is a member of the National Assembly.

4. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of — Amendment
of section 6

(a) subsection (2) and the substitution therefor of the following:

(2) Seven members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board.; and

(b) subsection (4) and the substitution therefor of the following:

(4) A decision of the Board on any question shall be by a majority of the members present and voting at the meeting and in the event of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote, in addition to that person's deliberative vote.
