

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 61 of 2026

Date of Assent: 4th June, 2026

**An Act to amend the Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal
Education Act.**

[12th June, 2026

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education 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 Council holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Council in accordance with this Act.

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

Amendment
of section 2

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- Cap. 1 “Emoluments Commission” means the Emoluments Commission established under the Constitution;
- Cap. 305 “legally disqualified” means the absence of legal capacity as provided under section 4 of the Mental Health Act;
- Cap. 136 “private higher education institution” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Higher Education Act; and
- Cap. 136 “public higher education institution” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Higher Education Act.
- Repeal and replacement of section 5 **3.** The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 5 and the substitution therefor of the following:
- Composition of Council 5. (1) The Council consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:
- (a) the Attorney-General, with the Solicitor-General as an alternate member, as Chairperson;
 - (b) a Judge nominated by the Chief Justice;
 - (c) the Director of Public Prosecutions;
 - (d) a representative of the Attorney-General with expertise in legislative drafting;
 - (e) a representative of the Law Association of Zambia;
 - (f) a representative of the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants;
 - (g) a representative of the Clerk of the National Assembly;
 - (h) a dean from the law school of a public higher education institution, nominated by the Minister responsible for education;
 - (i) a dean from the law school of a private higher education institution, nominated by the Minister responsible for education;

(j) a magistrate who is admitted as a legal practitioner under the Legal Practitioners Act, nominated by the Magistrates and Judges Association of Zambia; and

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(k) a legal practitioner.

(2) The institutions and organisations referred to under subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister.

(3) The Minister shall appoint the Vice-Chairperson from among the members of the Council.

(4) The Director shall attend meetings of the Council, but shall have no vote.

(5) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Council if that person—

(a) is an undischarged bankrupt;

(b) is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty under any written law;

(c) is legally disqualified from performing the functions of a member; or

(d) has been convicted of an offence under this Act or any other written law and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months without an option of a fine.

4. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsection (3) and the substitution therefor of the following:

Amendment
of section 6

(3) The office of a member of the Council becomes vacant if that member—

(a) dies;

(b) is adjudged bankrupt under any written law;

(c) is absent, without reasonable excuse, from three consecutive meetings of the Council, of which the member has had notice, without the prior approval of the Council;

(d) resigns by giving one month's notice, in writing, to the Minister;

(e) is legally disqualified from performing the functions of a member;

(f) is convicted of an offence under this Act or any other written law and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months, without an option of a fine;

(g) ceases to be an employee or a member of the institution or organisation that the member is representing; or

(h) is removed by the Minister.

Insertion of
section 10B

5. The principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new section immediately after section 10A:

Allowances

10B. A member of the Council or any committee of the Council shall be paid allowances that the Emoluments Commission may, on the recommendation of the Minister, determine.

Amendment
of section 14

6. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new subsections immediately after subsection (2):

(3) The Emoluments Commission shall, on the recommendation of the Council, determine the emoluments of the Director and Deputy Director of the Institute.

(4) The Council shall determine the terms and conditions of service, other than emoluments, of the Director and Deputy Director of the Institute.

Repeal and
replacement
of section 15

7. The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 15 and the substitution therefor of the following:

Secretary and
other staff

15. (1) The Council shall appoint a Secretary who shall perform corporate secretarial duties for the Council and other functions that the Council may determine, under the direction of the Council and the Director.

(2) The Council shall appoint other staff of the Institute that the Council considers necessary for the performance of the functions of the Institute.

(3) The Emoluments Commission shall, on the recommendation of the Council, determine the emoluments of the Secretary and other staff of the Institute.

(4) The Council shall determine the terms and conditions of service, other than emoluments, of the Secretary and other staff of the Institute.
