

**THE NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the National Arts Council of Zambia Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the composition of the National Arts Council of Zambia; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the National Arts Council of Zambia Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

5 **1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the National Arts Council of Zambia (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the National Arts Council of Zambia Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement

Cap. 170

10 (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

15 “Law Association of Zambia” means the Law Association of Zambia established under the Law Association of Zambia Act; and

Cap. 31

Cap. 305

 “legally disqualified” means the absence of legal capacity as provided under section 4 of the Mental Health Act;

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Amendment
of Schedule

3. The Schedule to the principal Act is amended—

(a) by the deletion of paragraph 2 and the substitution therefor of the following:

Composition
of
Council

2. (1) The Council consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister: 5

(a) a representative each from the ministries responsible for—

(i) tourism;

(ii) commerce;

(iii) education; and 10

(iv) arts;

(b) a representative of the Attorney General;

(c) a representative of the Law Association of Zambia;

(d) three representatives of the most representative associations engaged in matters relevant to the arts and creative industry; and 15

(e) two persons from the private sector with knowledge and experience in investment, resource mobilisation or strategic partnership development for the arts and creative industry. 20

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

(3) The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by members of the Council from amongst themselves, subject to ratification by the Minister. 25

(4) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Council if that person is— 30

(a) an undischarged bankrupt;

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

- (c) convicted of an offence under this Act or any other law and sentenced to a term of imprisonment exceeding six months without an option of a fine.;and
- 5 (b) in paragraph 5, by the deletion of sub-paragraph (3) and the substitution therefor of the following:
 - (3) Seven members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Council.
