

THE STANDARDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Standards Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the composition of the Board of the Zambia Bureau of Standards; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

M. D. KABESHA,
Attorney-General

N.A.B. 53, 2026
16th April, 2026

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Standards Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

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

Short title and commencement

5 (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.

Cap. 416

10 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

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

Cap. 305

15 3. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of section 6

(a) by the deletion of subsection (1) and the substitution therefore of the following:

20 (1) There is constituted the Board of the Bureau which consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:

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- (a) a representative from the ministry responsible for commerce and industry;
- (b) a representative of the Attorney-General;
- (c) a representative of the Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry; 5
- (d) a representative of an association representing the manufacturers; and
- (e) three persons, from the private sector, with knowledge and experience in matters relating to this Act.; 10
- (b) by the insertion of the following new subsection immediately after subsection (1):
- (2) The ministry, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister.; 15
- (c) in subsection (4), by the deletion of paragraph (c) and the substitution therefor of the following:
- (c) is legally disqualified from performing the functions of a member;; and
- (d) by the renumbering of subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) as subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) and (10), respectively. 20
- Amendment of section 8 **4.** Section 8(4) of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the word “Four” and the substitution therefor of the word “Five”.
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