

**THE ZAMBIA EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING HOUSE
FOUNDATION (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Zambia Educational Publishing House Foundation Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the composition of the executive committee of the Zambia Educational Publishing House Foundation; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Zambia Educational Publishing House Foundation Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Zambia Educational
Publishing House Foundation (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall
be read as one with the Zambia Educational Publishing House
5 Foundation 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
executive committee holding office prior to the enactment of this
Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the
10 executive committee 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 “committee” means the executive committee constituted
under section 11;

“Emoluments Commission” means the Emoluments Commis-
sion established under the Constitution

Cap. 1

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

Cap. 305

	<p>A Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants means the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants established under the Accountants Act; and</p>	
Cap. 390 Act No. 3 of 2022	<p>A Zambia Institute of Human Resource Management means the Zambia Institute of Human Resource Management established under the Zambia Institute of Human Resource Management Act, 2022.</p>	5
Amendment of section 4	<p>3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsection (2) and the substitution therefor of the following:</p> <p>(2) A member of the Zambia Educational Publishing House Foundation shall be paid allowances that the Emoluments Commission may, on the recommendation of the Minister, determine.</p>	10
Amendment of section 10	<p>4. Section 10 (4) of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the word “Chairman” and the substitution therefor of the word “Chairperson”.</p>	15
Repeal and replacement of section 11	<p>5. The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 11 and the substitution therefor of the following:</p> <p>11. (1) There is constituted the executive committee of the Zambia Educational Publishing House Foundation which consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:</p> <p>(a) a representative each of the ministries responsible for</p> <p>(i) education; and</p> <p>(ii) finance;</p> <p>(b) a representative of the Attorney-General;</p> <p>(c) a representative each of the</p> <p>(i) Zambia Institute of Human Resource Management; and</p> <p>(ii) Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants;</p> <p>(d) a representative of a civil society organisation dealing with matters relating to the education sector;</p> <p>(e) a registered teacher or academician with knowledge and experience relating to this Act;</p> <p>(f) a representative from the private business sector; and</p>	25 30 35
Constitution of Zambia Educational Publishing House Foundation executive committee		

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- (g) a person with knowledge and experience in matters relating to this Act.
- (2) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister. 5
- (3) The Minister shall appoint the Chairperson from among the members of the committee.
- (4) The members shall elect the Vice-Chairperson from among themselves.
- (5) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the committee if that person— 10
- (a) is not a citizen;
 - (b) is an undischarged bankrupt;
 - (c) is legally disqualified from performing the functions of a member; or 15
 - (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.
- (6) The office of a member of the committee becomes vacant if— 20
- (a) the member ceases to be an employee of a ministry, institution or organisation that nominated that member to sit on the committee;
 - (b) the member is removed by the Minister; and
 - (c) any circumstance referred to under subsection (5) arises that would disqualify the member from appointment. 25
- (7) The committee shall meet for the transaction of business at least once in every three months at a place and time that the chairperson may determine.
- (8) Five members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the committee. 30
- (9) There shall preside at a meeting of the committee—
- (a) the Chairperson;
 - (b) in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson; or 35

(c) in the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, a member that the members present may elect for the purpose of that meeting.

(10) A decision of the committee 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.

Amendment
of section
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6. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by the—

(a) deletion of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the following: 10

(1) The Foundation shall appoint a Secretary and Assistant Secretary that the Foundation considers necessary for the performance of the functions of the Foundation.; 15

(b) insertion of the following new subsections immediately after subsection (1):

(2) The Emoluments Commission shall on the recommendation of the Foundation, determine the emoluments of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary. 20

(3) The Foundation shall determine the terms and conditions of service, other than emoluments of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary.; and

(c) renumbering of subsections (2), (3) and (4) as subsections (4), (5) and (6), respectively.