

**THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2026**

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MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Persons with Disabilities Act, so as to—

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

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*Attorney-General*



# A BILL

ENTITLED

## **An Act to amend the Persons with Disabilities Act.**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

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

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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.

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

Amendment  
of section 2

“youth has the meaning assigned to the word in the Constitution.

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15 3. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by the—

Amendment  
of section 13

(a) deletion of subsections (1) and (2) and the substitution therefor of the following:

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

20 (a) a representative each of the ministries responsible for

- (i) information and media; and
- (ii) community development and social services;

(b) a representative of the Attorney-General;

(c) two representatives of non-governmental organisations engaged in matters relating to this Act;

(d) a representative of an organisation representing youths; and

(e) a representative of an organisation representing persons with disabilities.

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

(b) deletion of subsection (3); and

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

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Amendment  
of First  
Schedule

4. Paragraph 4(4) of the First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the word “eight” and the substitution therefor of the word “five”.

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