

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Human Rights Commission Act, 2024, so as to —

- (a) revise the composition of the Human Rights Commission;
and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

M. D. KABESHA,
Attorney-General

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Human Rights Commission Act, 2024.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Human Rights Commission (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Human Rights Commission Act, 2024, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement

Act No. 4 of 2024

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the President, of the members of the Commission holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the President shall appoint the members of the Commission 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 “Zambia Correctional Service” means the Zambia Correctional Service established under the Constitution; and

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“Zambia Police Service” means the Zambia Police Service established under the Constitution;.

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3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by the—

Amendment of section 7

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

(1) The Commission consists of the following part-time members appointed by the President, subject to ratification by the National Assembly—

25 (a) the Chairperson;

(b) the Vice Chairperson;

(c) a representative of the Attorney General;

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- (d) a representative from the Zambia Correctional Service;
 - (e) a representative from the Zambia Police Service;
 - (f) a representative of a civil society 5 organisation engaged in matters relating to human rights; and
 - (g) three persons from the private sector with knowledge and expertise in legal and human rights matters.; 10
- (b) insertion of the following new subsection immediately after subsection (1):
- (2) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the President.; and 15
- (c) renumbering of subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) as subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8), respectively.
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