

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Environmental Magement Act so as to—

- (a) Revise the composition of the Board of the Environmental Management Agency; and
- (b) Provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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ABILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Environmental Management Act, 2026.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

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

Short title and commencement
Cap. 204

(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.

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 “Engineering Institution of Zambia” means the Engineering Institution of Zambia established under the Engineering Institution of Zambia Act;

Cap. 432

“Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants” means the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants established under the Accountants Act; and

Cap. 390

20 “Zambia Institute of Planners” means the Zambia Institute of Planners established under the Urban and Regional Planners Act.

Cap. 285

3. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by the—

Amendment of Section II

25 (a) deletion of subsection (1) and the substitution thereof of the following:

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

(a) one representative each of the ministries responsible for— 5

(i) environment; and

(ii) mines;

(b) a representative of the Attorney-General;

(c) two representatives of civil society organisations engaged in environmental management; 10

(d) a representative of the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants;

(e) a representative of the Engineering Institution of Zambia; 15

(f) a representative of the Zambia Institute of Planners; and

(g) one person from the private sector with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to environmental management.; 20

(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 Minister.; and 25

(c) renumbering of subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) as subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8), respectively.

Repeal and replacement of heading to First Schedule

4. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the repeal of the heading and the substitution therefor of the following: 30

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Sections 7 (2) and 11(8))
ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENCY

5. Paragraph 1(4) of the First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the word “six” and the substitution of the word “five”. Amendment
of First
Schedule
