

**THE MARKETS AND BUS STATIONS (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2026**

MEMORENDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Markets and Bus Stations Act, so as to —

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

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A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the the Market and Bus Station Act,

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

5 **1.** (1) This Act may be cited as Markets and Bus Stations (Amendment) Act, and shall be read as one with the Market and Bus Stations Act in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement

Cap. 290

10 (2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of a management board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of a management board in accordance with this Act.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definition in the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

Amendment of section 2

15 “Emoluments Commission” means the Emoluments Commission established under the Constitution;

Cap. 1

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

Cap. 305

20 “Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities” means the Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities established under the Persons with Disabilities Act.

Cap. 65

3. The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 14 and the substitution therefor of the following:

Repeal and replacement of section 14

14. (1) A management board for a market shall consist of the following part time members appointed by the Minister:

- (a) a representative each from the ministries responsible for— 5
 - (i) local government; and
 - (ii) small and medium enterprises;
- (b) a representative of a local authority in the district in which the market is situated; 10
- (c) a representative of the Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities;
- (d) a representative of the most representative association of marketeers; 15
- (e) three persons representing the marketeers in a market elected by the marketeers from that market; and
- (f) a representative from the community in the area in which the market is situated, with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act. 20

(2) A management board for a bus station shall consist of the following part time members appointed by the Minister: 25

- (a) a representative each from the ministries responsible for
 - (i) local government; and
 - (ii) transport; 30
- (b) one person representing the local authority in the district in which a bus station is situated;
- (c) a representative of the Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities; 35

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- (d) a representative of the most representative association of bus drivers;
- (e) three persons representing operators of bus services in a bus station elected by the operators of bus services; and
- 10 (f) a representative from the community in the area in which the bus station is situated, with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act.

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

15 (4) The Minister shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among the members of a management board.

(6) A person shall not be appointed as a member of a management board if that person—

- 20 (a) is not a citizen;
- (b) is an undischarged bankrupt;
- (c) is legally disqualified from performing the functions of a member;
- 25 (d) is convicted of an offence under this Act or any other law and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months without an option of a fine; and
- (e) is an employee of that management board.

35 **4.** The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 21 and the substitution therefor of the following:

Repeal and replacement of section 21

40 **21.** A member of a management board or any committee of a management board shall be paid allowances that the Emoluments Commission may, on the recommendation of the Minister, determine.

Composition of management board

