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**Bill No. 24**

*Political Parties and Organisations  
(Amendment) Bill*

**THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2009.**

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**MEMORANDUM**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Political Parties and Organisations Act, 2005 (Act No. 18 of 2005) to require political parties and organisations to cause to be published in the *Gazette* and to notify the Electoral Commission where any change occurs in the physical location of the office of the political party or organisation and to provide for the appointment, tenure of office and removal of the chairperson of the National Consultative Forum.

Currently, section 20 of the Act creates the National Consultative Forum but does not provide for the chairperson of the Forum

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A Bill for an Act

ENTITLED

**THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2009.**

**An Act to amend the Political Parties and Organisations Act, 2005 to require political parties and organisations to notify the Electoral Commission where any change occurs in the physical location of the office of the political party or organisation; to provide for the chairperson of the National Consultative Forum and for related matters.**

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

**1. Amendment of section 11 of the Political Parties and Organisations Act, 2005**

Section 11 of the Political Parties and Organisations Act, 2005, in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (4), by substituting for “name or address”, the word “name”; and
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (4) the following—

“(5) Where any change occurs in the physical location of the office of a political party or organisation, the political party or organisation shall cause the change to be notified in the *Gazette* and shall inform the Electoral Commission of the change in writing.”

## 2. Insertion of a new section 20A

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 20, the following—

### “20A Chairperson of the National Consultative Forum

(1) The National Consultative Forum shall have a chairperson who shall be a person nominated from members of the National Consultative Forum by the majority party in Parliament.

(2) The chairperson shall be a person who is a member of a political party or organisation and a member of the National Consultative Forum.

(3) The chairperson shall hold office for five years.

(4) The chairperson may be removed from office by a vote of no confidence by the members of the National Consultative Forum upon a petition submitted by a member of the forum on any of the following grounds—

- (a) misconduct;
- (b) insanity;
- (c) incompetence; or
- (d) inability to perform the functions of his or her office due to infirmity of mind or body.

(5) A member of the Forum who wishes to have the chairperson of the National Consultative Forum removed from office shall submit a petition for the purpose addressed to the Secretary of the National Consultative Forum.

(6) At a meeting held for the purpose of considering a petition submitted under subsection (5), there shall be a quorum of at least three fifths of all the members of the National Consultative Forum and the meeting shall be presided over by a judicial officer nominated by the Chief Justice.

(7) A copy of a petition submitted under this section shall be served on the chairperson and the chairperson shall be given the opportunity to defend himself or herself and to appear on his or her own behalf or to be represented by counsel or other legal representative of his or her own choice.”

