

PROCESS: AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION



Notification of intent to amend legislation

PUBLISH IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE:

- Notice of intent
- Copy of draft amendment bill



Principle approval for process

Minister or Deputy minister concerned with the legislation must obtain approval for the process to continue from Cabinet, whereafter it is presented to the Speaker and Chairman of the National Assembly.



Voting

The Portfolio committee can request specific changes from the Minister, whereafter the committee presents the proposed revised legislation for voting and, should it be approved by the majority of the portfolio committee, it is referred back to the Speaker.



Presidential approval

After final consultation with the relevant Minister, the draft bill is submitted to the President for approval. He/she is authorised to request additional changes.



Period for public commentary

The public are invited to comment on specific sections and information contained in the proposed amended bill

This period offers the particular department an opportunity to gauge public opinion on proposed changes or legislation.



Portfolio Committee

The draft amendment bill is referred to the relevant Portfolio committee and provincial legislatures for consideration and approval. The portfolio committee is tasked with an in-depth study of the proposed bill, including consultation with invited stakeholders (which may or may not include public consultation).



Approval - general assembly

The draft bill is placed on the General Assembly agenda for debate and approval, and upon approval to other parliamentary houses of concern (traditional leaders) who can request final changes.



Promulgation

When approved by the President, the bill is signed into effect and is published in the Government Gazette with a date of implementation.

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