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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**NATIONAL HOUSE OF  
TRADITIONAL LEADERS  
AMENDMENT ACT**

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**No           , 2000**

**GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

- [                    ]    Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
- Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.
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## ACT

To amend the National House of Traditional Leaders Act, 1997, so as to provide for the person presiding at a meeting of the National House of Traditional Leaders to have a deliberative vote as well as a casting vote; to provide for the removal from office of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the said National House by way of a resolution supported by a majority of the members thereof; to empower the President to determine that certain members of the said National House shall be full-time members; and to effect certain textual amendments; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

**Amendment of section 9 of Act 10 of 1997, as amended by section 4 of Act 85 of 1998**

1. Section 9 of the National House of Traditional Leaders Act, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended— 5

- (a) by the substitution for subsection (5) of the following subsection:  
“(5) While presiding at a meeting of the National House, the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the National House, or any other member presiding, shall **[not have a]** in addition to his or her deliberative vote **[but shall]** have **[and exercise]** a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.”; and 10

- (b) by the addition to subsection (6) of the following paragraph, the existing subsection becoming paragraph (a):  
“(b) The Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the National House may be removed from office by a resolution adopted with a supporting vote of the majority of the members of the National House.” 15

**Amendment of section 13 of Act 10 of 1997, as amended by section 4 of Act 85 of 1998**

2. Section 13 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection, the existing section becoming subsection (1): 20

- “(2) The President may, after consultation with the National House, determine that certain members of the National House shall be full-time members of the National House.”

**Amendment of section 14 of Act 10 of 1997, as amended by section 4 of Act 85 of 1998**

3. Section 14 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution in subsection (2) for the words preceding paragraph (a) of the following words:

“Subject to the laws governing the Public Service, the [**Minister for Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development**] national Minister responsible for Traditional Affairs shall, with the approval of the National House, appoint a person as Secretary to the National House, who shall—”; and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection:

“(3) The Secretary shall be assisted in the exercise or performance of his or her powers and functions by officers of the [**Department of Constitutional Development**] national Department responsible for Traditional Affairs designated for that purpose by the relevant Director-General, with the approval of the National House.”.

**Short title**

4. This Act is called the National House of Traditional Leaders Amendment Act, 2000.