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Government Notice

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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PROMULGATION OF ACT
OF PARLIAMENT

The following Act which has been passed by the Parliament and signed by the President in terms of the Namibian Constitution is hereby published in terms of Article 56 of that Constitution.

GENERAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing provisions.

Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing provisions.

ACT

To amend the Namibian Broadcasting Act, 1991; the New Era Publication Corporation Act, 1992; the Namibia Press Agency Act, 1992; and the Namibian Communications Commission Act, 1992, so as to reduce the number of members of the boards of the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation, the New Era Publication Corporation, the Namibia Press Agency, and the Namibian Communications Commission to a maximum of five members each; and to provide for incidental matters.

(Signed by the President on 21 September 2000)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Namibia, as follows:

Amendment of Act No. 9 of 1991

1. The Namibian Broadcasting Act, 1991 (Act No. 9 of 1991) is amended -

(a) by the substitution for the definition of “Minister” in section 1 of the following definition:

“Minister” means the Minister [of Information and Broadcasting] responsible for broadcasting service;”;

and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (1) of section 6 of the following subsection:

“(1) The board shall consist, subject to the provisions of section 13(1)(a), of not more than [11] five and not less than [6] three members appointed, subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3), by the Minister.”.

Amendment of Act No. 1 of 1992

2. The New Era Publication Corporation Act, 1992 (Act No. 1 of 1992) is amended -

(a) by the substitution for the definition of “Minister” in section 1 of the following definition:

“Minister” means the Minister [of Information and Broadcasting] responsible for information;”;

and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (1) of section 5 of the following subsection:
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“(1) The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by a board of directors of not more than [twelve] five and not less than [seven] three members, and who shall be appointed by the Minister.”.

Amendment of Act No. 3 of 1992

3. The Namibia Press Agency Act, 1992 (Act No. 3 of 1992) is amended -

(a) by the substitution for the definition of “Minister” in section 1 of the following definition:

“Minister’ means the Minister [of Information and Broadcasting] responsible for information,”; and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (1) of section 6 of the following subsection:

“(1) The affairs of the Agency shall be managed and controlled by a board of directors of not more than [nine] five and not less than [five] three members, and who shall be appointed by the Minister.”.

Amendment of Act No. 4 of 1992

4. The Namibian Communications Commission Act, 1992 (Act No. 4 of 1992) is amended -

(a) by the substitution for the definition of “Minister” in section 1 of the following definition:

“Minister’ means the Minister [of Information and Broadcasting] responsible for information and broadcasting service;”; and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (1) of section 3 of the following subsection:

“(1) The Commission shall consist of not less than [six] three and not more than [nine] five members appointed by the Minister.”.

Short title and commencement

5. (1) This Act shall be called the General Law Amendment Act, 2000, and shall come into operation on a date to be determined by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting by notice in the Gazette.

(2) Different dates may be determined under subsection (1) in respect of different provisions of this Act.