

PART B

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

CONSTITUTION EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT BILL, 2022

*(As introduced in the National Assembly (proposed section 74); explanatory summary of Bill published in Government Gazette No. 47049 of 19 July 2022)
(The English text is the official text of the Bill)*

(MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES)

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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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BILL

To amend the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, so as to recognise South African Sign Language as one of the official languages of the Republic; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa as follows:—

Amendment of section 6 of Constitution

1. Section 6 of the Constitution is hereby amended—
 - (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

“The official languages of the Republic are Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, Afrikaans, South African Sign Language, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa and isiZulu.”; and

(b) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of the following paragraph:

“(a) “promote, and create conditions for, the development and use of—

(i) all official languages; and

(ii) the Khoi, Nama and San languages; and

[(iii) sign language; and]”.

Short title and commencement

2. This Act is called the Constitution Eighteenth Amendment Act, 2022 and comes into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.