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Funding for political parties

236. To enhance multi-party democracy, national legislation must provide for the funding of political parties participating in national and provincial legislatures on an equitable and proportional basis.

In Summary

There should be three tiers of funding from the two proposed funds: -

- The three largest parties should receive the same amount.
- Any other represented parties should receive a lesser amount (perhaps a third of that given to the larger parties)
- A “starter” small amount of funding to any party not represented who can collect 10 000 signatures of South African citizens expressing support

Second Proposal

Chapter 3 of the bill should include a clause that only a “Natural person” (as opposed to a legal person such as a company, trust or association) who is a South African citizen (as identified by their South African ID number) be allowed to make direct donations to political parties.

Draft Political Party Funding Bill 2017

Purposes for which money from these Funds may be used

7. (2) The money paid in terms of section 6(7) and that received from donations in terms of chapter 3 may not be used by that political party

(c) directly or indirectly for the purpose of establishing any business or acquiring or maintaining any right of financial interest whatsoever in any business, or in any immovable property, except where the right or interest in the immovable property is to be used by the party solely for party political purposes;