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| **MEDIA STATEMENT**  **HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ALLOWS MEMBERS TO CONSULT ON ADDITIONAL ASPECTS RAISED BY LEGAL TEAMS ON THE ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL** **Parliament, Monday, 25 July 2022 –**The Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs has resolved to allow its members to consult their political parties on refinements made to the Electoral Amendment Bill by legal experts. The committee reiterates that this opportunity to consult is not intended to start the process but to seek affirmation, using the additional information presented, on the decisions already made. The committee’s resolution for consultation is limited on three issues, namely: the provision allowing for independent candidates contesting in single or multiple regions, the signature requirement and cooling off period. The committee remains of the view that it seeks to present a fair and reasonable legislation for both independent and political parties.      The committee will, following these consultations, make substantive decisions that will enable the legal experts to incorporate the amendment into the A List. The committee has considered all the aspects of the Bill and is confident that the Bill is both fair and inclusive of both political parties and independent candidates.  **ISSUED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS, MR MOSA CHABANE.****For media enquiries or interviews with the Chairperson, please contact the Committee’s Media Officer:****Name: Malatswa Molepo (Mr)**Parliamentary Communication ServicesTel: 021 403 8438Cell: 081 512 7920E-mail: mmolepo@parliament.gov.za   |

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