

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE



NEGOTIATING MANDATE OF THE RECOGNITION OF CUSTOMARY MARRIAGES AMENDMENT BILL [B12 – 2019]

(Section 76 Bill)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs, Hon L Kolozi, tables the Committee's negotiating mandate on the ***Recognition of Customary Marriages Amendment Bill [B12-2019]*** as adopted by the Portfolio Committee on **Friday, 11 September 2020**.

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

2.1 The Speaker of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature, on receipt, referred the ***Recognition of Customary Marriages Amendment Bill [B12 – 2019]*** to the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs on **09 June 2020**.

2.2 On **Wednesday, 02 September 2020**, the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs received a briefing from Hon B Bartlett a Permanent Delegate at the NCOP and officials from the Department of Justice.

2.3 The Portfolio Committee resolved that due to Covid- 19 Regulations no physical public hearing will be held. The committee will use all available forms of the media to request for written inputs in order to solicit the views of communities and stakeholders with regard to the ***Recognition of Customary Marriages Amendment Bill***.

2.4 Radio Adverts were conducted to inform stakeholders and the public about the submission of written inputs. The following radio stations were utilized: Radio Riverside, Radio Teemaneng, Radio Kaboesna, Radio Revival, Radio Lwazi, Radio NFM, Kurara FM and Radio Vaaltar FM. The advert was also shared on the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature social media pages such as Facebook, Twitter and What's APP groups of different stakeholders including Community Development Workers in the districts.

2.6 On **Friday, 11 September 2020** the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs deliberated and considered the ***Recognition of Customary Marriages Amendment Bill [B12 – 2019]***.

3. COMMITTEE INPUTS

- The bill must also include Traditional Courts in the processing of Customary marriages.
- Ensure a process of public education once the amendments have been enacted especially in rural areas.

4. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE BILL

No written inputs were received from the public and stakeholders:

5. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE POSITION ON THE BILL

After due deliberation, the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs supports the Bill.

6. COMMITTEE ADOPTION OF THE BILL

The Committee adopted this negotiating mandate, duly signed by the Chairperson of the Committee.

The Committee recommends to the House to mandate the Permanent Delegates to participate in deliberations at the negotiating stage and to **support** the Bill.

Signed electronically

HON L Koloji

Chairperson: PC on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs

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