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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.

No. 8 of 2012: Electoral Amendment Act, 2012.

Act No. 8, 2012 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT ACT, 2012**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 Electoral Act, 1992, so as to provide for the use of a digital voter registration system during the registration of voters; and to provide for incidental matters.

(Signed by the President on 12 June 2012)

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

Insertion of section 28B in Act No. 24 of 1992

1. The Electoral Act, 1992 is amended by the insertion after section 28A of the following section:

“Use of digital voter registration system during registration of voters

28B (1) Despite anything to the contrary in this Act, the Commission may undertake -

- (a) any general registration of voters contemplated in section 15;
- (b) any supplementary registration of voters contemplated in section 28; or
- (c) any continuous registration of voters contemplated in section 28A,

by way of a digital voter registration system in the manner determined by the Commission, including -

- (i) the manner of capturing information onto the system and the storing of information in the system;
 - (ii) the printing of voter registration cards; and
 - (iii) the safe custody of information stored in the system.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) the words -
- (a) “completed”, “complete” and “completing” where they occur in the definitions of “application” and “voter registration card” and in sections 16(2), 18(1) and 20(1)(a) and (b)(i); and

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- (b) “sign” and “signing” where they occur in sections 16(2)(d)(i) and (ii) and 20(1)(b)(i) and (c) and (d),

shall be so construed as to include any form or method to capture onto a digital voter registration system any information required by the Act or to capture the signature, fingerprint or mark of any applicant in digital form.”.

Short title

2. This Act is called the Electoral Amendment Act, 2012.
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