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ELECTORAL COMMISSION**NOTICE 566 OF 2018****DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS****PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE ELECTORAL LAWS
AMENDMENT BILL, 2018**

The Minister of Home Affairs intends introducing the Electoral Amendment Bill, 2018 in the National Assembly. The explanatory summary of the Amendment Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Amendment Bill seeks to amend three pieces of legislation, namely, the Electoral Commission Act, 1996 (Act No. 51 of 1996) (“Electoral Commission Act”), the Electoral Act, 1998 (Act No. 73 of 1998) (“Electoral Act”) and the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (Act No. 27 of 2000) (“the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act”) in preparation of the national and provincial elections, as well as to align the relevant provisions of the legislation relating to municipal elections so as to—

- (a) Clarify that the Commission may use all available sources of data to obtain information necessary to compile and maintain the national common voters’ roll;
- (b) Authorise the Commission to regulate the application procedure for registration of parties to contest national and provincial elections;
- (c) Provide for the electronic submission of candidate nomination documents;
- (d) Provide for different modalities for payments of electoral deposits;
- (e) Provide for the notification of interested parties where a candidate has been nominated by more than one person;
- (f) Clarify the circumstances under which new ballot papers may be issued to voters and
- (g) Authorise the Commission to prescribe a different voting procedure for voters whose names appear on the voters’ roll but in respect of whom the Commission has no recorded address;

Once the Amendment Bill has been tabled in Parliament, a copy can be obtained from:

1. the Government Printers – Cape Town and Pretoria;
2. the Director: Drafting (Legal Services) Department of Home Affairs, 230 Johannes Ramokhoase Street, Pretoria, Tel: (012) 406 4271