

PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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**NOTICE OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE
REFERENDUM BILL, 2021.**

Notice given on Friday, 3rd June, 2022

Hon. Minister of Justice and Law –

1. In Clause 2, after interpretation of the word **“petition”**, insert a new interpretation as follows:

“polling station manager,” refers to **“person who is responsible for the administration of the polling process during elections.”**

2. In Clause 3, line 2, after the word **“Parliament”** insert the words **“or citizens organization.”**

3. In Clause 3, line 3, after the word **“referendum”** delete the **“full-stop”** and substitute it with a hyphen and add the following sub-clauses:

“(1) The concerned citizen organization shall petition parliament.

(2) Upon the final voting with two thirds majority in support of the proposed referendum by both houses the referendum shall be prepared in terms of this Act.”

4. In Clause 5 sub-clause (1), line 1, after the word **“Where”** delete the words **“Parliament considers that it is in the public interest to obtain, by means of a referendum, the opinion of electors on any issue or question,”** and substitute them with the words **“any of the circumstances contemplated in section 3 above prevails,”**

5. In Clause 5 sub-clause (1), line 5, after the word **“electors”** delete the full-stop and add the words **“provided that Multi-National Stakeholder Dialogue Plenary 1, popular consultation, Plenary 2, written submissions, reference material and other consultations that may be determined by the National Reforms Authority Citizen voice collected shall be deemed to be verdict of the Referendum.”**

6. In Clause 7, line 2, after the word **“both”** delete the words **“Sesotho and English Languages”** and substitute them with the words **“official or any other languages that may be possibly used in Lesotho.”**

7. In Clause 9, after sub-clause (2) add a new sub-clause (3) as follows:

“(3) In the event where there is more than one subject matter, each ballot shall deal with one subject matter.”

8. In Clause 26, after sub-clause (2), add a new sub-clause (3) as follows:

“(3) The referendum committee shall declare to the Director within five working days of receipt of aggregate contributions over M500, 000.00 who shall make that information through print, broadcasting or digital media.”

9. In Clause 38 sub-clause (1), line 1, delete the word **“An”** and substitute with the words **“The agent, chief agent, leader of referendum committee, observer, citizens organizations or”**.
