

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO.....OF 2024

The Parliament of Lesotho

**Statements of Objects and Reasons of the Law Society (Amendment) Bill, 2024
(Circulated on the authority of Honourable Lekhetho Rakuoane, Member of
Parliament)**

The purpose of the Bill is to amend Section 9(2) of the Law Society Act No. 13 of 1983 with a view to extending the term of Council from One to Three years; in order to provide for continuity, stability and adequate time for implementation of Council resolutions and initiatives as longer terms allow for better planning, execution and realisation of longer term goals and visions set forth by the Council for the betterment of the legal profession in Lesotho.

LAW SOCIETY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

A BILL

For

An Act to amend the Law Society Act, 1983¹, to make provision for extension of the term of the Council and for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Lesotho.

Short title and commencement

1. The Act may be cited as the Law Society (Amendment) Act, 2024 and shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the Gazette.

Amendment of section 9

2. The Law Society Act is amended by deleting section 9(2) and substituting the following:

“9(2) The Council to be elected as provided in subsection (1) shall remain in office for a period of three years after which all the members shall retire and a new Council consisting of five practicing members shall be elected. A retiring member is eligible for re-election and shall remain in office until his successor has been elected.”

NOTE

¹ Act No. 13 of 1983