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**KENYA LAW REFORM COMMISSION ACT**

*[Date of assent: 14th January, 2013.]*

*[Date of commencement: 25th January, 2013.]*

**AN ACT of Parliament to provide for the functions, powers, management and administration of the Kenya Law Reform Commission, and for connected purposes**

[Act No. 19 of 2013, Legal Notice 13 of 2014, Act No. 18 of 2014,  
Act No. 18 of 2018, Act No. 12 of 2019, Act No. 20 of 2020.]

**PART I – PRELIMINARY**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Kenya Law Reform Commission Act, 2013.

**2. Interpretation**

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

**"Cabinet Secretary"** means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to law reform;

**"chairperson"** means the chairperson of the Commission appointed in accordance with section 11;

**"Commission"** means the Kenya Law Reform Commission established by section 4;

**"member"** means a member of the Commission appointed in accordance with section 11;

**"Salaries and Remuneration Commission"** means the Salaries and Remuneration Commission established by Article 230 of the Constitution;

**"secretary"** means the secretary to the Commission appointed in accordance with section 19.

(2) Despite subsection (1), until after the first general elections under the Constitution, reference in this Act to the expression "Cabinet Secretary" shall be construed to mean "Minister".

**3. Guiding principles**

In fulfilling its mandate, the Commission shall act in accordance with the values and principles set out in the Constitution and any other written law.

**PART II – ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS  
AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION**

**4. Establishment of the Commission**

(1) There is established the Kenya Law Reform Commission.

(2) The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall in its corporate name be capable of—

(a) suing and being sued;