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THE PRESIDENCY

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It is hereby notified that the President has assented to the following Act, which is hereby published for general information:—

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AND WHEREAS there is a need to promote democratic accountability, transparency and openness within the police service and to ensure co-operation between the police service and the communities it serves;

AND HAVING REGARD to section 208 of the Constitution, which stipulates that a civilian secretariat for the police service must be established by national legislation to function under the direction of the Cabinet member responsible for policing,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

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CHAPTER 1

INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION AND OBJECTS OF ACT

Definitions

1. In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— 5
- “**Civilian Secretariat**” means the national Civilian Secretariat for the Police Service established in terms of section 4(1) of this Act;
- “**Committee**” means the Ministerial Executive Committee established under section 27(1);
- “**Constitution**” means the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996; 10
- “**Department**” means the national Department of Police;
- “**Directorate**” means the Independent Police Investigative Directorate established in terms of section 3 of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate Act, 2010;
- “**Executive Director**” means the Executive Director appointed in terms of section 6(1) of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate Act, 2010; 15
- “**forum**” means the senior management forum established under section 24;
- “**head of a provincial department**” means the head of a department responsible for safety and security in a province;
- “**head of a provincial secretariat**” means the head of a provincial secretariat appointed in terms of section 18(1); 20
- “**member**” means a member as defined in section 1 of the South African Police Service Act;
- “**MEC**” means the Member of the Executive Council of a province responsible for policing in the province;
- “**Minister**” means the member of the Cabinet responsible for policing; 25
- “**organ of state**” means an organ of state concerned with matters relating to the police service;
- “**police official**” means the police official as defined in section 1 of the South African Police Service Act;
- “**police service**” means the South African Police Service established in terms of section 5(1) of the South African Police Service Act; 30
- “**prescribe**” means prescribe by regulation;
- “**provincial department**” means the department responsible for safety and security services in a province falling under the relevant MEC;
- “**provincial secretariat**” means a provincial secretariat established in terms of section 16; 35
- “**regulation**” means a regulation made under this Act;
- “**Secretariat**” means the Civilian Secretariat for the Police Service established in terms of section 4(1);
- “**Secretary**” means the Secretary for the Police Service appointed in terms of section 7(1); 40
- “**South African Police Service Act**” means the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995); and
- “**this Act**” includes the Schedule, regulations and any rules, directives or instructions made under it. 45

Application of Act

2. All organs of state must accord such assistance as may be reasonably required to ensure the effective functioning of the Civilian Secretariat in terms of this Act.