

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

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**ACT**

**No. 36 of 2021**

Date of Assent: 19th May, 2021

**An Act to amend the Acts of Parliament Act.**

[ 20th May, 2021

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Acts of Parliament (Amendment) Act, 2021, and shall be read as one with the Acts of Parliament Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

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and  
commence-  
ment  
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(2) This Act shall come into operation on the date appointed by the Minister by statutory instrument.

**2.** The principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new section immediately after section 1:

Insertion of  
section 1A

1A. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —  
“Commissioner” has the meaning assigned to the word in  
the Laws of Zambia (Revised Edition) Act, 1968;  
and

Interpreta-  
tion

Act No. 9 of  
1968

“Laws of Zambia” has the meaning assigned to the words  
in the Laws of Zambia (Revised Edition) Act, 1968;

Act No. 9 of  
1968

**3.** Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion  
of —

Amendment  
of section 9

- (a) figure (1) after figure 9; and
- (b) the following new subsection immediately after  
subsection (1):

(2) An Act may be published in an electronic format.

**4.** The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 10  
and the substitution therefor of the following:

Repeal and  
replacement  
of section 10

Establishment of database	10. (1) The Ministry responsible for justice shall for the purposes of section 9(2) establish and maintain an electronic database of the Laws of Zambia.
	(2) The database established under section (1) shall contain —
Cap. 1	(a) the Constitution;
	(b) consolidated copies of Acts that have been given chapter numbers under the Laws of Zambia (Revised Edition) Act, 1968;
Act No. 9 of 1968	(c) copies of Acts published under section 9(1); and
	(d) the record of editorial amendments compiled by the Commissioner under section 14.
Insertion of sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16	<b>5.</b> The principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new sections immediately after section 10:
Status of verified copies of database instruments last updated date	11. (1) A copy of an electronic Act that is published on or printed directly from a website hosting the database and that bears an official verification as prescribed, is a verified copy of the Act.
	(2) A verified copy of an electronic Act, is presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to correctly state the electronic Act, as at the date specified in the copy.
Powers of Commissioner in relation to electronic Act No. 9 of 1968	12. (1) The Commissioner may exercise the Commissioners' functions under the Laws of Zambia (Revised Edition) Act, 1968, in relation to an electronic Act.
	(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Commissioner may —
	(a) arrange the grouping and sequence of electronic Acts;
	(b) correct a grammatical, clerical or typographical error;
	(c) change the way of referring to or expressing a number, year, date, time, amount of money, quantity or measurement;
	(d) alter the text of a provision to reflect an amendment to the provision deemed to have been made by another provision;