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DEPARTMENT OF PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWS AMENDMENT BILL, 2002

The Minister for Provincial and Local Government intends introducing the Local Government Laws Amendment Bill, 2002 in the National Assembly during October 2002. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill provides for:

The amendment the Organised Local Government Act, 1997, so as to repeal a transitional arrangement; to amend the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act 1998, so as to effect a technical amendment, and to validate the determination and payment of salaries and allowances of members of Municipal Councils in the Provinces of Gauteng and the Western Cape for the 1998/1999 municipal financial year; to amend the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998, so as to effect technical corrections; to reduce the size of the Demarcation Board; to expressly provide for the Minister's role in the appointment of members of the Demarcation Board; to make express provision for the publication of the Demarcation Board's decision where an objection was considered; to amend the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998, so as to amend the Afrikaans text in order to bring it in line with the amendments effected to the English text by the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 and the Local Government: Municipal Structures Amendment Act, 2000; to make provision for an acting mayor and an acting executive mayor where a particular municipality does not have a deputy mayor or a deputy executive mayor, respectively; to provide for the payment of out of pocket expenses to traditional leaders who participate in the proceedings of municipal councils; to authorise the Minister to regulate the consequences of a revocation of an authorisation in terms of section 84(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act; to provide for uncontested ward elections; to provide for the election of office bearers of a municipality to be determined by lot if two candidates receive the same number of votes; to amend the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000, so as to provide for a general power to levy and recover fees, charges and tariffs; to provide for legal representation of employees of a municipality; to further regulate clearance certificates for the transfer of property; to amend the Local Government: Municipal Structures Amendment Act, 2000, in order to re-determine the transition period and to repeal outdated provisions; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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