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**NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTORAL
REFORM PANEL: ELECTORAL ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 73 OF 1998)**

The Electoral Amendment Act, 2023 (Act No. 1 of 2023) (the “Amendment Act”), having come into effect on 17 April 2023, requires the Minister of Home Affairs (the “Minister”), in consultation with the Electoral Commission, to appoint an Electoral Reform Consultation Panel (the “Panel”). Appointment to the panel is subject to the approval of the National Assembly. The Amendment Act requires the Minister to appoint 9 (nine) members to the Panel from such nominated persons who satisfy the criteria specified in section 23(9)(a) of the Amendment Act. The Panel must table a report on electoral reform recommendations within 12 months of the 2024 National and Provincial Elections.

The functions of the Panel are, *inter alia*, to independently investigate electoral reforms for the elections of the National Assembly and Provincial legislatures. The contemplated investigations would include conducting research and embarking on public consultations. The Panel must submit three monthly progress reports to the Minister and ultimately submit a final report with recommendations on potential electoral reforms. The final report must indicate the advantages, disadvantages as well as financial, legal and constitutional implications of each recommended option.

On 19 May 2023 and 21 July 2023, respectively, the Minister issued Notices calling upon members of the public, as well as interested parties, to nominate fit and proper South African citizens to be appointed as members of the Panel.

Upon receiving nominations, and after consultation with the Electoral Commission and the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs, it became apparent that the Minister must issue a new Notice calling for nomination.

The Minister herein, therefore, calls upon members of the public as well as any interested parties to nominate fit and proper South African citizens for membership of the Electoral Reform Consultation Panel. Nominated citizens must possess the following qualities:

1. Have the necessary skills, expertise, experience, knowledge, or academic qualifications in the administration and running of elections or constitutional law or electoral systems;
2. must not be members of Parliament or of any provincial legislature; and
3. must not, in the past 12 months, have been office-bearers or employees of any political party.

All motivated nominations indicating the prescribed requirements and which must be accompanied by an acceptance of nomination duly signed by the nominated candidate must reach the office of the Minister on or before 19 January 2024.

Members of the public are encouraged to nominate women, youth and persons with disabilities.

Previously submitted nominations will be considered and therefore such nominations need not be resubmitted.

All nomination documents must be transmitted to the following email address:
nominations.ercp@dha.gov.za

Any enquiries related to the establishment of the Panel must be addressed to contact:

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