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DEPARTMENT OF TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE THE TRADITIONAL AND KHOI-SAN LEADERSHIP BILL, 2026, IN PARLIAMENT

(Published in accordance with Rule 276 of the Rules of the National Assembly)

In accordance with Rule 276(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, notice is hereby given that the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs intends to introduce the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Bill, 2026, in the National Assembly.

An explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly of Parliament. The main objectives of the Bill are:-

- (a) to consolidate the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act, 2003 (Act No. 41 of 2003), and the National House of Traditional Leaders Act, 2009 (Act No. 22 of 2009);
- (b) to address the limitations of the two pieces of legislation that are to be consolidated;
- (c) to effect consequential amendments to other laws; and
- (d) to make provision for the recognition of Khoi-San kingships or Khoi-San queenships, Khoi-San communities and leaders.

Chapter 1 of the Bill contains definitions and guiding principles.

Chapter 2 makes provision for the recognition of kingships or queenships, traditional community, headmanship or headwomanship, Khoi-San kingships or Khoi-San queenships, Khoi-San communities and Khoi-San branches. The chapter furthermore makes provision for the recognition of traditional and Khoi-San leaders. This includes provisions relating to regents, acting leaders and deputy leaders. Provision is also made for the withdrawal of any such recognition. This chapter also makes provision for the establishment of traditional and Khoi-San councils, the functions of such councils, support to the councils, partnerships and agreements, and the allocation of roles to the councils and leaders.

Chapter 3 makes provision for the houses of traditional and Khoi-San leaders.

The Commission on Khoi-San Matters is provided for in Chapter 4. The chapter makes provision for the establishment of the Commission, appointment of members of the Commission, support to the Commission, application for recognition of Khoi-San communities, branches, senior Khoi-San leaders and branch heads and functions of the

Commission. This Commission will assist government with the recognition process as far as Khoi-San communities and leaders are concerned.

Chapter 5 contains general provisions relating to disputes, regulations, delegations, monitoring and transitional arrangements.

There are four Schedules to the Bill. Schedule 1 contains a comprehensive code of conduct; Schedule 2 contains the oath or affirmation to be taken by members of houses; Schedule 3 contains the proposed amendments to other laws; and Schedule 4 contains the list of laws to be repealed.

Electronic copies of the Bill and the Memorandum on the Objects of the Bill can be obtained from ReshoketsweM@cogta.gov.za

The Bill will also be made available on www.cogta.gov.za.