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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS**

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## NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTORAL REFORM CONSULTATION 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. Appointment to the panel is subject to the approval of the National Assembly. The panel must consist of 9 (nine) members who must table a report on electoral reform recommendations within 12 months of the 2024 National and Provincial Elections.

The functions of the Electoral Reform Consultation Panel are 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.

The Minister herein 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:

- 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 **05 June 2023**.

All nomination documents must be transmitted to **Private Bag X114**, **PRETORIA 0001** or to the following email address: <a href="Moses.Malakate@dha.gov.za">Moses.Malakate@dha.gov.za</a>.

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

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MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

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