

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**CONSTITUTION EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT BILL, 2022**

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*(As introduced in the National Assembly (proposed section 74); explanatory summary of Bill published in Government Gazette No. ... of 2022) (The English text is the official text of the Bill)*

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**(MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES)**

**[B – 2022]**

## GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[            ]        Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

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## BILL

**To amend the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, so as to recognise South African Sign Language as one of the official languages of the Republic; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa as follows:—

### **Amendment of section 6 of Constitution**

1. Section 6 of the Constitution is hereby amended—
  - (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

“(1) The official languages of the Republic are Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, Afrikaans, South African Sign Language, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa and isiZulu.”; and
  - (b) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of the following paragraph:

“(a) “promote, and create conditions for, the development and use of—

(i) all official languages; and

(ii) the Khoi, Nama and San languages; and

**[(iii) sign language; and]”.**

### **Short title and commencement**

**2.** This Act is called the Constitution Eighteenth Amendment Act, 2022 and comes into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.