

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 27 of 2026

Date of Assent: 4th June, 2026

An Act to amend the Environmental Management Act

[12th June, 2026]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Environmental Management (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Environmental Management Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title
and
commence-
ment
Cap. 204

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Board in accordance with this Act.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definitions in the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

Amendment
of section 2

“Engineering Institution of Zambia” means the Engineering Institution of Zambia established under the Engineering Institution of Zambia Act;

Cap. 432

“Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants” means the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants established under the Accountants Act; and

Cap. 390

“Zambia Institute of Planners” means the Zambia Institute of Planners established under the Urban and Regional Planners Act.

Cap. 285

3. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by the—

Amendment
of Section
11

(a) deletion of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the following:

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(1) There is constituted the Board of the Agency which consists of the following part time members appointed by the Minister:

(a) one representative each of the ministries responsible for—

(i) environment; and

(ii) mines;

(b) a representative of the Attorney-General;

(c) two representatives of civil society organisations engaged in environmental management;

(d) a representative of the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants;

(e) a representative of the Engineering Institution of Zambia;

(f) a representative of the Zambia Institute of Planners; and

(g) one person from the private sector with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to environmental management.;

(b) insertion of the following new subsection immediately after subsection (1):

(2) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister.; and

(c) renumbering of subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) as subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8), respectively.

4. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the repeal of the heading and the substitution therefor of the following:

Repeal and
replacement
of heading
to First
Schedule

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Sections 7 (2) and 11(8))
ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENCY

5. Paragraph 1(4) of the First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the word “six” and the substitution of the word “five”.

Amendment
of First
Schedule
