

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL, 2026

(As introduced in the National Assembly (proposed section 75);
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(The English text is the official text of the Bill)

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GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

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BILL

To amend the South African Police Service Act, 1995, so as to repeal Chapter 6A of the Act; to dissolve the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation; to provide for the transfer of functions, personnel, assets, liabilities, records and investigations to the Investigating Directorate Against Corruption established under the National Prosecuting Authority Act, 1998; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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

Repeal of Chapter 6A

1. Chapter 6A of the South African Police Service Act, 1995, including sections 17A to 17L, is repealed.

Dissolution of Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation

2. The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation is dissolved with effect from a date determined by the President by proclamation.

Transfer of functions

3. All functions performed by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation immediately before commencement of this Act are transferred to the Investigating Directorate Against Corruption.

Transfer of members

4. (1) Every member employed in the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation whose functions substantially relate to transferred matters shall become an employee of the National Prosecuting Authority.

- (2) Transferred employees retain—
- (a) rank equivalency;
 - (b) remuneration;
 - (c) pension rights;
 - (d) accumulated leave; and
 - (e) all other employment benefits.

Transfer of assets and liabilities

5. All movable and immovable property, records, information systems, contractual rights, obligations and liabilities utilised by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation vest in the National Prosecuting Authority insofar as necessary for transferred functions.

Continuation of investigations and proceedings

6. Any investigation, prosecution, application, warrant, subpoena, forfeiture process, appeal or related proceeding commenced by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation is deemed to have been commenced by Investigating Directorate against Corruption.

Preservation of validity

7. Anything lawfully done by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation before its dissolution remains valid and enforceable.

Consequential amendments

8. The Minister must, within 12 months of commencement, introduce consequential legislation amending references to the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation in all applicable legislation.

Regulations

9. The Minister, in consultation with the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, may make regulations necessary for the implementation of transitional arrangements.

Short title

10. This Act is called the South African Police Service Amendment Act, 2026, and comes into operation on a date determined by the President by proclamation in the Gazette.

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