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**Government Notice**

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**OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

No. 282 1997

**PROMULGATION OF ACT  
OF PARLIAMENT**

The following Act which has been passed by the Parliament and signed by the President in terms of the Namibian Constitution is hereby published in terms of Article 56 of that Constitution.

No. 17 of 1997: Regional Councils Amendment Act, 1997.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing provisions.

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

**ACT**

To amend the Regional Councils Act, 1992, so as to provide for the appointment of the delimitation commission at intervals of not less than five years; to define the powers, duties and functions of the chairperson; to empower a management committee to, in the absence of its chairperson, elect any of its members to preside at a meeting; and to provide for incidental matters.

*(Signed by the President on 19 December 1997)*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Parliament of the Republic of Namibia as follows :-

**Amendment of section 5 of Act 22 of 1992**

1. Section 5 of the Regional Councils Act, 1992 (hereafter referred to as the principal Act), is amended by the substitution for paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph :

“(b) shall at intervals of not less than **[six]** five years and not more than 12 years, commencing from the commencement of this Act, with a view to re-dividing the regions into constituencies,”.

**Insertion of section 18A in Act 22 of 1992**

2. The following section is inserted in the principal Act after section 18 :

**“Powers, duties and functions of chairperson**

(19A) A chairperson referred to in subsection (1) of section 18 shall, in respect of the region concerned -

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- (a) be the political head and, in consultation with the regional council concerned -
  - (i) initiate and formulate planning and development policies; and
  - (ii) closely monitor the implementation of the policies contemplated in subparagraph (i);
- (b) have supervisory powers regarding the planning and execution of all development programmes and projects;
- (c) in any matter referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), be the principal agent of the Government;
- (d) be accountable to the Government and to the inhabitants of the region regarding any matter referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); and
- (e) in consultation with the regional council, investigate, and endeavour to solve, any issue pertaining to the region concerned.

**Amendment of section 21 of Act 22 of 1992**

3. Section 21 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (2) :

“(2A) If the chairperson is absent from a meeting of the management committee, the members present at such meeting shall from their number elect a person to preside at such meeting and such person so elected shall, while he or she so presides, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties and functions of the chairperson.”.

**Short title**

4. This Act shall be called the Regional Councils Amendment Act, 1997.
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