

Action Not Yet Taken
Preparatory Processes
Approval By Cabinet
Submitted to Parliament
Signed Into Law

**STATUS OF BILLS UNDER REVIEW FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ALIGNMENT**

*Cluster Approach Bill Tracker (as of January 2020)*

CLUSTER	MINISTRY	LAWS TO BE ALIGNED WITH THE CONSTITUTION	PROGRESS WITH ALIGNMENT							COMMENTS	
			STAGES OF BILL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES								
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1. Media and Information Laws Cluster	a) Ministry of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services	1. The Zimbabwe Media Commission Bill							9 August 2019		The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Chapter 10:27]: was repealed and replaced by: (a) Zimbabwe Media Commission Bill, (b) Freedom of Information Bill, and (c) Protection of Personal Information Bill. Principles for the Zimbabwe Media Commission Bill were approved on 12 February 2019. The Bill was Gazetted on 9 August 2019 and is currently undergoing parliamentary processes
		2. Freedom of Information Bill							5 July 2019		The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Chapter 10:27]: was repealed and replaced by: (a) Zimbabwe Media Commission Bill, (b) Freedom of Information Bill, and (c) Protection of Personal Information Bill. Principles for the Freedom of Information Bill were approved on 12 February 2019 and the Bill was approved by CCL in May 2019. It was Gazetted on 5 July 2019 and is currently undergoing parliamentary processes.
		3. Protection of Personal Information Bill							End of March 2020		The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Chapter 10:27]: was repealed and replaced by: (a) the Zimbabwe Media Commission Bill, (b) the Freedom of Information Bill, and (c) the Protection of Personal Information Bill. Principles for the Protection of Personal Information Bill were approved on 19 February 2019. The Bill was considered by CCL on 28 November 2019, and is expected to be Gazetted by the end of March 2020

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1. Media and Information Laws Cluster	a) Ministry of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting	4. Broadcasting Services Act [Chapter 12:06]						Mid-January 2020			The draft Broadcasting Services Amendment Bill was developed and stakeholder consultations were undertaken. Principles for the Broadcasting Services Amendment Bill were approved in 14 May 2019. It is expected to be considered and approved by CCL by mid-January 2020
2. Citizenship and Movement of people Cluster	a) Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage	5. Citizenship of Zimbabwe Act [Chapter 4:01]									Principles for the Citizenship of Zimbabwe Bill were approved by Cabinet on 26 February 2019. A Draft Bill was prepared, and is awaiting submission to CCL
		6. Immigration Act [Chapter 4:02]									Principles for the Immigration Amendment Bill were approved by Cabinet on 05 February 2019. A Draft Bill was prepared, and is awaiting submission to CCL
3. Security Cluster	a) Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage	7. Official Secrets Act [Chapter 11:09]									Work has not yet commenced
		8. Police Act [Chapter 11:10]									Principles for the Police Amendment Bill were approved on 12 February 2019. A Draft Bill was prepared, and is awaiting submission to CCL
		9. Unlawful Organizations Act [Chapter 11:13]									Work on repealing this law has not yet commenced
	Ministry of Defence and War	10. Public Order and Security Act [Chapter 11:17]									
11. Defence Act [Chapter 11:02]											The Defence Amendment Bill was prepared by the Ministry and is still undergoing internal review. Principles for the Bill were prepared and submitted to the AG's office for review

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3. Security Cluster	c) Ministry of Defence and War Veterans	12. War Veterans Act [Chapter 11:15] (Veterans of the Liberation Struggle Bill)						1 November 2019		The Veterans of the Liberation Struggle Bill repeals and replaces the War Veterans Act and Ex-Political Detainees and Restricttees Act). The Bill was approved by Cabinet on 10 September 2019 and was Gazetted on 1 November 2019	
		13. Ex-Political Detainees and Restricttees Act [Chapter 17:10] (Veterans of the Liberation Struggle Bill)						1 November 2019		The Veterans of the Liberation Struggle Bill repeals and replaces the War Veterans Act and Ex-Political Detainees and Restricttees Act). The Bill was approved by Cabinet on 10 September 2019 and was Gazetted on 1 November 2019	
	d) Office of the President and Cabinet	14. Emergency Powers Act [Chapter 11:04]								The first draft Emergency Powers Amendment Bill was shared with the OPC in 2017.	
		15. Interception of Communications Act [Chapter 11:20]								No work has commenced yet	
		16. Security Services Independent Complaints Commission Bill								Research work is complete, and a draft Bill has been developed. The Bill will give effect to Part 1 of Chapter 11 of the Constitution; namely: Establishment of the Independent Complaints Mechanism. The draft Bill is currently undergoing internal consultations with the Principal Ministries	
		17. National Peace and Reconciliation Commission Act								The National Peace and Reconciliation Commission Bill ascended on 5 January 2018	

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3. Security Cluster	d) Office of the President and Cabinet	18. National Security Council Act									Research work is complete, and a draft Bill has been developed. The Bill will give effect to Part 1 of Chapter 11 of the Constitution; namely: Establishment of the National Security Council. The draft Bill is currently undergoing internal consultations with the Principal Ministries
		19. Bill to give effect to Section 106 of the Constitution (Conduct of Vice Presidents, Ministers and Deputy Ministers)	End of February 2020								Research is ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of February 2020.  <i>N.B. This Bill was added to the IMT alignment agenda in December 2019</i>
	e) Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs	20. Prisons Act [Chapter 7:11]					15 March 2020				Principles for the Prisons and Correctional Services Bill, which will replace the Prisons Act, were approved on 5 March 2019. The draft Bill was developed and is expected to be considered and approved by CCL by the 15 <sup>th</sup> of March 2020
4. Local Government Cluster	a) Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing	21. Urban Councils Act [Chapter 29:12]			End of January 2020	21 February 2020					Principles for the Urban Councils Amendment Bill are currently being prepared.
		22. Provincial Councils and Administration Act [Chapter 29:11]					End of April 2020				Principles for the Bill were approved by Cabinet end of November 2018 and the draft Bill has been forwarded to the AG's Office. The Bill is awaiting outcome of one of the proposed Constitutional amendments in order for it to be completed. Constitutional amendments are anticipated to be done by end of March 2020

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4. Local Government Cluster	a) Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing	23. Rural District Councils Act [Chapter 29:13]			End of January 2020	21 February 2020					Principles for the Rural District Councils Amendment Bill are currently being prepared.
		24. Traditional Leaders Act [Chapter 29:17]		End of February 2020							The draft Bill was prepared. However, there is need for further stakeholder consultations before Principles for the Bill are submitted to cabinet
	b) Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement	25. Water Act [Chapter 20:24]					End of March 2020				Principles for the Water Amendment Bill were approved in May 2019. A draft Bill was prepared, and the AG's Office is currently finalizing on the Bill
	c) Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	26. Public Finance Management Act [Chapter 22:19]									Principles for the Public Finance Amendment Bill were approved by Cabinet on 13 March 2018. However, there is need to develop new principles based on some devolution aspects that have emerged that need to be addressed.
5. Social Services Cluster	a) Ministry of Health and Child Care	27. Medical Services Act [Chapter 15:13]									Principles for the Medical Services Amendment Bill were approved by cabinet in mid-March 2018. The Medical Services Amendment Bill was developed, and approved by CCL on 28 November 2019. The Bill was also approved by Cabinet on 3 December 2019
		28. Health Services Act [Chapter 15:16]			End of February 2020						Principles for the Health Services Amendment Bill were re-submitted and were considered by Cabinet on 3 September 2019, but have not yet been approved
		29. Public Health Act [Chapter 15:09]									The Public Health Act was passed by Parliament on 31 August 2018

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5. Social Services Cluster	Ministry of Public Service, Labour and	30. Labour Act [Chapter 28:01]									The first draft Labour Amendment Bill was developed and shared with the Line Ministry, and is undergoing internal review
	c) Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs	31. Guardianship of Minors Act [Chapter 5:08]					End of January 2020				Principles for the Guardianship of Minors Amendment Bill were approved on 30 April 2019. A Draft Bill is being developed, and is expected to be considered and approved by CCL by the end of January 2020
		32. Marriages Act [Chapter 5:11] (Marriages Bill)							19 July 2019		Principles for the Marriages Bill were approved in 2018. The Bill was approved by CCL on 2 May 2019 and was Gazetted on 19 July 2019. It is currently undergoing Parliamentary processes
		33. Customary Marriages Act [Chapter 5:07] (Marriages Bill)							19 July 2019		Principles for the Marriages Bill were approved in 2018. The Bill was approved by CCL on 2 May 2019 and was Gazetted on 19 July 2019. It is currently undergoing Parliamentary processes
	c) Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education	34. Education Act [Chapter 25:04] (Education Amendment Bill)							15 February 2019		Principles and the Draft Bill were approved by cabinet. The Bill was Gazetted on 15 February 2019. It is currently undergoing Parliamentary processes
d) Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation	35. National Arts Council Act [Chapter 25:07]									The Ministry intends to undertake stakeholder consultations, before preparation of the draft Bill	

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5. Social Services Cluster	e) Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare	36. Children's Act [Chapter 5:06]									Principles for Children's Amendment Bill were approved on 28 February 2017. The Draft Bill was developed, and submitted to Cabinet in October 2017. The Bill is currently being considered by CCL. A write-shop for the Bill is intended to synchronize provisions of the Children's Amendment Bill and the Child Justice Bill.
	f) Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology	37. Disabled Persons Act [Chapter 17:01]									Principles for the Disabled Persons Amendment Bill were approved by cabinet on 13 March 2018. The Bill was developed, and submitted to the AG's office for finalization. It is currently undergoing internal consultations within the Line Ministry
		38. Manpower Planning and Development Amendment Bill									Principles for the Manpower Planning and Development Amendment Bill were approved on 26 March 2019
6. Environment and Natural Resources Cluster	Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement	39. Zimbabwe National Water Authority Act [Chapter 20:25]									Amendments to the Act have been halted. They are dependent on approved amendments to the Water Act
	lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement	40. Land Commission Act									The Land Commission Bill was ascended on the 9 March 2018

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6. Environment and Natural Resources Cluster	b) Ministry of Environment, Tourism and Hospitality Industry	41. Environmental Management Act [Chapter 20:27]									
		42. Tourism Act [Chapter 14:20]									Principles for the Tourism Amendment Bill have been prepared and await the Minister's internal approval.
	c) Ministry of Mines and Mining Development	43. Mines and Minerals Act [Chapter 21:05]									The Bill was approved by parliament but the President raised some concerns before assenting, and sent it back to parliament
7. Justice Delivery Cluster	a) Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs	44. Administrative Justice Act [Chapter 10:28]					End of March 2020				Principles for the Administrative Justice Amendment Bill were approved on 30 July 2019. The draft Bill was sent to the AG's Office for finalization in September 2019
		45. Constitutional Court Bill									Principles for the Constitutional Court Bill were approved on 16 April 2019. The Bill was approved by cabinet on 17 July 2019 and was Gazetted on 13 September 2019. It is currently undergoing Parliamentary processes
		46. Constitutional Court Rules									The Constitutional Court Rules are now in place



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7. Justice Delivery Cluster	b) Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs	47. Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act [Chapter 9:23]				21 February 2020					Principles for the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Amendment Bill were submitted to Cabinet but have not yet been approved. They are expected to be considered and approved by the 21 <sup>st</sup> of February 2020. The draft Bill will be prepared after the Principles have been approved by cabinet
		48. Judicial Laws Amendment Bill					End of February 2020				The Judicial Laws Amendment Bill will combine amendments to: (i) the High Court Act (High Court), (ii) the Magistrates Court Act (Magistrates Courts), (iii) the Supreme Court Act (Supreme Court), and (iv) the Labour Act (Labour Court). Principles for the Bill were approved in 2019 (High Court Amendment – 2019; Magistrate Court Amendment Bill - 30 April 2019; Supreme Court Amendment Bill - 16 April 2019 and Labour (Court) Amendment Bill - 27 March 2019). The draft Bill was produced, and is currently being finalized by the AG's Office
		49. Child Justice Bill									The Principles for the Child Justice Bill were approved in September 2017. The draft Bill was prepared and is currently being finalized, before submission to CCL
		50. Coroner's office Bill							21 June 2019		Principles for the Coroner's Office Bill were submitted to Cabinet on 28 April 2017. The Draft Bill was re-submitted to CCL in March 2018 and was approved by CCL on 2 May 2019. It was Gazetted on 21 June 2019. It is currently undergoing Parliamentary processes
		51. Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act [Chapter 9:07]									The Criminal Procedure and Evidence Amendment Bill was ascended on 10 June 2016

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7. Justice Delivery Cluster	b) Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliament	52. Judicial Service Act [Chapter 7:18]								Completed through the General Laws Amendment Bill of 2016 (that was passed on 1 July 2016)		
8. Economic Services Cluster	d) Ministry of Industry and Commerce	53. Consumer Protection Bill								The Consumer Protection Bill was assented to by the President on the 10 <sup>th</sup> of December 2019. It is now an Act of Parliament, cited as the Consumer Protection Act [Chapter 14:14]		
	e) Ministry of Finance and Economic development	54. Public Entities Corporate Governance Act								The Public Entities Corporate Governance Act was assented on 11 May 2018.		
		55. Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act								The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Bill was assented on 1 January 2018		
9. Political and Civil Rights cluster	a) Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliament	56. Electoral Act [Chapter 2:13]								The Electoral Amendment Bill was assented on 28 May 2018		
10. Cross Cutting Cluster	a) Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education	57. Languages Bill								The Languages Bill has been prepared, and is awaiting stakeholder consultations		

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10. Cross Cutting Cluster	b) Civil Service Commission	58. Public Service Act [Chapter 16:04]								Principles for the Public Service Amendment Bill were approved in September 2017. A draft Bill was finalized by the AG's Office and is currently being reviewed internally by the Line Ministry before submission to CCL	
	c) Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliament	59. Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission Act [Chapter 10:30]								Principles for the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission Amendment Bill were approved on 21 May 2019. The Bill has been submitted to CCL for approval, but it has not yet been approved	
	of Foreign Affairs and	60. International Treaties Bill						6 September 2019		The International Treaties Bill was approved by CCL on 16 July 2019 and was Gazetted on 6 September 2019. It is currently undergoing Parliamentary processes	
	Affairs, Community, Small and Medium	61. Gender Commission Act								The Gender Commission Act was ascended on 12 Feb 2016	
	e) All Ministries	62. General Laws Amendment (Statutory Bodies and Gender Parity Provisions) Bill No. 1*								The General Laws Amendment (Statutory Bodies and Gender Parity Provisions) Bill was ascended on 1 July 2016	
		63. General Laws Amendment (Statutory Bodies and Gender Parity Provisions) Bill No.2**		N/A		N/A	End of March 2020			A copy of the Draft Bill was shared with the Ministry of Women Affairs for gender parity assessments before Cabinet processes can be initiated. It is now covered by the Public Entities Corporate Governance Bill	

\* General Laws Amendment (Statutory Bodies and Gender Parity Provisions) Bill No. 1 provided for minor amendments to 125 laws.

\*\* General Laws Amendment (Statutory Bodies and Gender Parity Provisions) Bill No.2 is still being developed and will provide for minor amendments to 66 laws.

### **SUMMARY OF STATISTICS**

Total Number of Clusters on Bill Tracker:	10
Total Number of Laws (to be aligned) on the Tracker:	63
Total Number of Bills Aligned (signed into Law):	13
Total Number of Bills Remaining to be aligned:	50