GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 686 OF 2015

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

1. Notice is hereby given that the draft Public Service Commission Amendment Bill and an explanatory memorandum are available on www.psc.gov.za for public comment.

The draft Amendment Bill amends amongst others, the Public Service Commission Act, 1997 to allow for the President to renew the term of office of a commissioner after consultation with the National Assembly and the provincial legislatures when the period for which the commissioner was appointed expires and also to give the chairperson powers prior to his or her absence to designate one of the commissioners to act as the chairperson during the absence of both the chairperson and the deputy.

Electronic copies of the draft Amendment Bill and memorandum may be requested by/at:

Tel: (012) 352 1188 Email: thatosm@opsc.gov.za

Hard copies may be collected at:

Legal Services 3rd Floor Commission House Cnr Hamilton and Ziervogel Streets Arcadia 0007

- 2. All interested persons and organisations are invited to submit written comments on the draft Amendment Bill by no later than 03 August 2015 by-
 - (a) Email: thatosm@opsc.gov.za

- (b) Faxing comments to: Legal ServicesOffice of the Public Service Commission Fax no: 086 219 4590
- (c) posting comments to:
 Director-General
 Office of the Public Service Commission
 Attention: Legal Services
 Private Bag X 121
 Pretoria
 0001
- 3. Kindly provide the name, address, telephone and fax number, and email address of the person or organisation submitting the comments.

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL

(As introduced in the National Assembly (proposed section 76); explanatory summary of Bill published in Government Gazette No. of) (The English text is the official text of the Bill)

(MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION)

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GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

 Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

BILL

To amend the Public Service Commission Act, 1997 so as to align it with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996; to provide a framework contemplated in section 219(5) of the Constitution for the determination of salaries, allowances and benefits for Commissioners of the Commission, to provide for a commissioner to act as the chairperson when both the chairperson and the deputy chairperson are absent; to empower the Public Service Commission to give directions relating to the values and principles that govern public administration, and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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

Amendment of section 4 of Act 46 of 1997

1. Section 4 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsections:

The President may renew the term of office of a commissioner after consultation with the National Assembly and the provincial legislatures as contemplated in section 196(10) of the Constitution when the period for which the member was appointed expires: provided that it shall not be necessary to repeat the procedure contemplated in subsection 4 (4)".

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Amendment of section 5 of Act 46 of 1997

2. Section 5 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection:

If the chairperson and the deputy chairperson are both absent for any reason, the chairperson shall prior to his or her absence designate one of the commissioners to act as the chairperson during the absence of both the chairperson and the deputy chairperson."

Short title

3. This Act is called the Public Service Commission Amendment Act, 2015.