

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**MAGISTRATES' COURTS  
AMENDMENT BILL**

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*(As read a First Time)*

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*(Introduced by the Minister of Justice)*

**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.

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**BILL**

**To amend the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944, so as to bring the membership of the Rules Board in line with the current legislation; and to provide for incidental matters.**

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

**Amendment of section 25 of Act No. 32 of 1944, as amended by section 19 of Act No. 50 of 1956, section 2 of Act No. 93 of 1963, section 8 of Act No. 53 of 1970 and section 5 of Act No. 11 of 1985**

1. Section 25 of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944 is amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

“(1) There is a Rules Board consisting of-

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| <p>(a) the Chief Magistrate as defined in the Magistrates Act, 2003 (Act No. 3 of 2003), who is the chairperson and has a casting as well as a deliberative vote;</p> <p>(b) a staff member nominated by the Minister on account of his or her knowledge of the law for a period of two years; and</p> <p>(c) a legal practitioner nominated by the Law Society of Namibia for a <u>period of two years.</u>”</p> |
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**Short title**

2. This Act is called the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act, 2009.

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