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Members of the Local Elections Technical Committee
National Treasury
StatsSA
IEC
Political Parties represented in Parliament
SANCO
Other stakeholders**

Dear Sir/Madam,

CIRCULAR 2/2012: REDETERMINATION OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES: REVISION OF THE TIMEFRAMES

Please note that MDB Circular 2/2012 dated 20 September 2012 is hereby withdrawn, and replaced by this Circular 2/2012 dated 25 September 2012.

The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) would like to thank municipalities and others stakeholders for making venues available for the MDB meetings held throughout the country from August to December 2011 and from May to August 2012, and for their participation in the process to re-determine municipal boundaries.

The purpose of this circular is to inform you of the revised time frames and the commencement of the legal process. Stakeholders attention is therefore drawn to the critical deadlines in the revised programme and the need to submit motivation and other pertinent outstanding information in respect of submission and proposals.

The MDB received more than 1000 proposals for the redetermination of municipal boundaries. As indicated in Circular 1/2011 and Circular 1/2012 the majority of the proposals are for minor technical (Type A) redeterminations.

With regard to the proposals for more significant, and major changes to municipal boundaries (Type B and C) - which include, the redetermination of the boundaries of certain metropolitan municipalities, the disestablishment/amalgamation of municipalities, the re-categorisation of municipalities, the establishment of new

municipalities, and changes to municipal boundaries that affects a sizeable number of voters and significant geographic areas - the MDB would like to remind institutions and persons who submitted those proposals, that, in many cases, proper motivation is still outstanding. Motivation should be based on the criteria set out in sections 24 and 25 of the Demarcation Act, 1998, and in the case of metropolitan areas, also section 2 of the Structures Act, 1998. In this regard you are referred to Annexure D to Circular 2/2011, which should have been completed and submitted to the MDB with the necessary supporting documents. ***Those who have not submitted motivation and supporting documents as yet, are requested to do so before or on 30 September 2012.*** The MDB needs the motivation for quality assurance purposes, and before publishing, in terms of section 26 of the Demarcation Act, 1998, notices in the media to convey its intention to consider the proposals, and to invite public views and representations on those proposals.

In view of the outstanding motivation, the MDB has decided to review its programme as follows:

DATE	ACTIVITY
30 Sept 2012	Motivation submitted by stakeholders for consideration of proposals by MDB.
By 6 Oct 2012	Documents distributed for consideration by the Boundaries, Powers and Functions Committee (BPFC) and the Board.
1 Oct 2012	Internal meeting of the Board Committee.
10 Oct 2012	Extended BPFC meeting.
11 & 12 Oct 2012	Board meeting.
By 22 Oct 2012	Logistics to comply with section 26.
By 29 Oct 2012	Publication of sec 26 notices. These notices will be published in the media to invite the public to submit views and representations to the MDB on its intention to consider the proposals received.
30 Nov 2012	Closing date for sec 26 submissions
By 25 Jan 2013	Analyses of public inputs on section 26 notices finalised and submitted to the BPFC and the Board.
By 30 Jan 2013	BPFC and Board meetings.
By 31 Jan 2013	Circular to Stakeholders with Board's decisions.
Feb 2013	Investigations and public meetings where necessary.
By 11 March 2013	BPFC and Board meetings to consider reports.
By 31 March 2013	Section 21 notices and maps published in Provincial Gazettes. These notices will invite objections to the Board's redetermination of municipal boundaries.
4 May 2013	Closing date for sec 21 objections.
7 - 20 May 2013	MDB staff submits received objections, maps and supporting documents to the Board for consideration.
30 May 2013	Board to consider sec 21 objections, and to confirm, vary, or withdraw its re-determinations.
7 June 2013	Sec 21(5) notices published in Provincial Gazettes. These will indicate as to whether the MDB has confirmed, varied or withdrawn its redetermination of municipal boundaries.

7 June 2013	Sec 21 and 21(5) notices send to IEC and MECs for section 23 process.
7 August 2013	IEC Sec 23 notices published.
7 August 2013	MEC s Sec 23 an Sec 12 (MSA) notices published.
Aug 2013 – Jan 2014	Electoral process for national and provincial elections.
Feb 2014	Preparations for ward delimitation for local elections in 2016 commence.
April 2014 ??	National and Provincial Elections.
June 2015	Finalise ward delimitation for 2016 local elections
May 2016	Local elections.

The Board would like to stress that no decisions have been taken as yet on the proposals received. Final decisions will only be taken early next year.

Your participation in the section 26 and section 21 processes is essential, and will be welcomed and appreciated.

The Board will endeavour to allow more than 21 days for the submission of written views and representation in terms of section 26. However, section 21 of the Demarcation Act, 1998, allows only 30 days for objections.

Regards



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