

**THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND INAUGURATION  
OF PRESIDENT ACT, 2016**

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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

**ACT**

**No. 32 of 2016**

Date of Assent: 6th June, 2016

**An Act to provide for the administration and security procedures during the transitional period; the procedure for safeguarding public documents and information during the transitional period; the procedures and formalities for the inauguration and assumption of office of President by the President-elect; the venue and place for the inauguration ceremony; the process for the handover of the symbols and instruments of office and the presidency by the former President to the President; the procedures relating to the transitional period when a President dies in office; the funding of the inauguration ceremony; and matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.**

[7th June, 2016

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Transitional Period and Inauguration of President Act, 2016. Short title
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation
  - “Commission” means the Electoral Commission of Zambia established in accordance with Article 229 of the Constitution; Cap. 1
  - “Committee” means the Presidential Inauguration Committee established in accordance with section *five*;

- “deceased President” means a President who died whilst in office;
- “facilities” includes offices, furniture, books, documents, files, office machines and equipment, housing and transportation;
- Cap. 1 “President-elect” means the person elected as President in accordance with Article 101 of the Constitution and who has not assumed office in accordance with Article 105 (1) of the Constitution;
- Cap. 1 “public officer” has the meaning assigned to it in the Constitution;
- “State Funeral” means the arrangements and activities relating to the funeral of a deceased President and the burial;
- “transitional period” means the period immediately after the announcement of the presidential election results and the swearing-in of the President-elect and assumption of the office of President by the President-elect and includes the period after the President dies in office, as the case may be; and
- Cap. 1 “Vice-President-elect” means the running mate of the President-elect as specified in the Constitution.
- Application **3.** This Act applies—
- (a) to the swearing-in and inauguration of the President-elect as President;
- (b) to the swearing-in of the Vice-President-elect as Vice-President;
- (c) with necessary modification, to the inauguration and swearing-in of the Vice-President as President by virtue of Article 106 (a) of the Constitution; and
- Cap. 1 (d) to the transitional period when a President dies in office.
- Guiding principles **4.** The Committee shall, in the performance of its functions, be guided by the values and principles set out in Article 173 of the Constitution.
- Cap. 1

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION COMMITTEE

5. (1) There is established the Presidential Inauguration Committee. Establishment of Presidential Inauguration Committee

(2) The Committee shall be an *ad hoc* committee for the transitional period which shall consist of—

- (a) the Secretary to the Cabinet, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) the Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, who shall be the Deputy Chairperson;
- (c) the Attorney-General;
- (d) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for home affairs;
- (e) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for defence;
- (f) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for finance;
- (g) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for foreign affairs;
- (h) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for works and supply;
- (i) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for information;
- (j) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for justice;
- (k) the Permanent Secretary responsible for administration in the office of the Vice-President;
- (l) the Permanent Secretary responsible for administration at Cabinet office;
- (m) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for local government;
- (n) the Permanent Secretary responsible for State House;
- (o) the Zambia Army Commander;
- (p) the Inspector-General of Police;
- (q) the Director-General of the Zambia Security Intelligence Service;
- (r) the Zambia Air Force Commander;
- (s) the Zambia National Service Commandant;
- (t) the Clerk of the National Assembly; and
- (u) the Chief Administrator of the Judiciary.