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CENSUS AND STATISTICS AMENDMENT BILL, 2020

MEMORANDUM

This Bill will amend the Census and Statistics Act [*Chapter 10:29*] so as to align the taking of decennial national censuses in a manner that will enable the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to take into account census data when delimiting electoral boundaries every 10 years as required by section 161(1) of the Constitution. Accordingly, clause 2 will require a decennial census to be taken every tenth anniversary ending on the 1st July. This will afford ZEC ample time to delimit electoral boundaries in accordance with census data.

BILL

To amend the Census and Statistics Act [*Chapter 10:29*]; and to provide for matters incidental to or connected therewith.

ENACTED by the Parliament and the President of Zimbabwe.

5 **1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Census and Statistics Amendment Act, 2020.

2 Amendment of section 12 of Cap. 10:29

Section 12 (“Census”)(1) of the Census and Statistics Act [*Chapter 10:29*] is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (3)—

10 “(4) Notwithstanding that the ten-year period from the census of 2012 has not yet expired, the next census shall be taken so as to be completed by the 1st July, 2021, and thereafter a census shall be taken every ten years from that date.”.

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