



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2023**

### **INVITATION FOR PUBLIC VIEWS AND REPRESENTATION ON MUNICIPAL OUTER BOUNDARIES**

The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) invites members of the public to submit written views and representation for class 2-4 municipal boundary proposals in line with section 26 of the Municipal Demarcation Act (MDA). Written views and representations must be submitted within 30 days of the date of newspaper publications in concerned areas. All views and representations submitted, will then be considered by the Board during April and May 2023, (Circular 1 of 2023 is attached for more details).

As communicated in Circular 2 of 2022, the MDB opened the municipal boundary redetermination process in November 2021 and invited members of the public to submit proposals for municipal boundary re-determination by 31 March 2022.

In 2022, the MDB considered all Class 1 municipal boundary re-determinations and final determinations were published in February 2023.

All received proposals for Class 2 - 4 redeterminations have undergone research studies and the Board intends to consider these proposals in terms of Section 26 of the MDA.

A total of 228 proposals have been received across the country. The largest number of proposals are from KwaZulu Natal with 90 proposals submitted, followed by the Eastern Cape with 45 proposals submitted. The breakdown per province is as follows:

PROVINCE	NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PROCEEDING (SECTION 26)	NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT PROCEEDING (SECTION 26)	TOTAL NUMBER OF PROPOSALS
EASTERN CAPE	43	2	45
FREE STATE	23	0	23
GAUTENG	5	3	8
KWAZULU-NATAL	87	3	90
LIMPOPO	26	0	26
MPUMALANGA	5	0	5
NORTH WEST	15	1	16
NORTHERN CAPE	7	0	7
WESTERN CAPE	6	2	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>228</b>

The proposals were categorised in terms their spatial extent in terms of the following classes:

- **Class 1, Technical and minor boundary re-determinations-** This re-determination entails a small-scale boundary adjustment and alignment with a minor impact on the geographic area, a negligible or no impact on the number of voters and no impact on the capacity of the affected municipalities. **(Please note: Process for re-determinations for this class of re-boundary changes was finalised in February 2023)**
- **Class 2, Consolidation and Annexations-** This is a medium scale boundary re-determination that may impact on a sizable geographic area, and number of voters in one or all the municipalities affected. This type of determination may impact on ward arrangements but will not materially impact on the capacities of the affected municipalities to deliver services.
- **Class 3 – Amalgamations-** This type of re-determination entails a major and large-scale municipal boundary re-determination which will have a significant impact on the geographic areas, the number of voters, and the capacities of the affected municipalities, the re-determination includes the merging of adjacent municipalities or the splitting of municipal areas to create other municipal areas.

- **Class 4- Categorization-** This is a type of re-determination that involves the categorisation of any new Category A Metropolitan, Category C District and Category B Local municipalities with or without boundary changes; Category A must satisfy Section 2 of the MSA and Section 24 and 25 of the Act respectively; the Board will categorise an area that qualify to be a category A municipalities after consultation with National Minister responsible for local government, the MEC for local government in the provinces concerned, and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA).

The public views and representations must strictly be emailed to: [registry@demarcation.org.za](mailto:registry@demarcation.org.za), or faxed to 012 3422480, or posted to Private Bag X123, Centurion, 0046 or hand delivered to Eco Origins Office Park, Block C1, 349 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Highveld, 0157. The views and representations must be addressed for the attention of the Chairperson of the MDB.

#### PROGRAMME FOR CLASS 2- 4 RE-DETERMINATION PROPOSALS

NO	TASKS	START DATE	END DATE
1	Intention to consider the redetermination of municipal boundaries in terms of Section 26 of the MDA (Publication of Notice in Newspaper allowing everyone to submit views and representations within 30 days from date of publication)	Mar-23	Apr-23
2	The Board must consider all views and representations and resolve to determine or re-determine municipal boundaries, decide to hold public meetings, conduct formal investigations/investigation committee hearings, or do both.	Apr-23	May-23
3	Hold Public Meetings	Jun-23	Aug-23
4	Conduct Formal Investigations / Investigation committee hearings in terms of Section 29 and 30 of MDA	Jun-23	Aug-23
5	The Board must consider all inputs from public meetings and formal investigations/investigation hearings and resolve to determine or re-determine municipal boundaries in terms of Section 21 of the	Sep-23	Oct-23

NO	TASKS	START DATE	END DATE
	MDA (Publication in Provincial Gazettes allowing everyone to submit objections within 30 days from date of publication)		
6	The Board must consider all objections received and resolve to confirm, vary or withdraw the determination or re-determination. The final decision must be published in the provincial gazette in terms of Section 21(5) of the MDA.	Nov-23	Jan-24
7	The IEC, Minister of Finance and MECs for local government and all other stakeholders must be notified of the final decision	Nov-23	Jan-24

**-ENDS-**

## **ENQUIRIES**

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