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## Legislation update and index

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Having opened on Tuesday 11th Oct 2005, Parliament sat for a total of 37 minutes over three days. On Tuesday it sat for 6 minutes; on Wednesday for 6 minutes (although it was MP's questions time and there were thirty five questions on the order paper); on Thursday it sat for 25 minutes and then adjourned until the 1st of November.

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Pending /Passed Legislation	Veritas BW Ref	Identifier	Status Date	Date Passed	Date Gazetted	Date Effective	Status
<a href="#">Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (AIPPA)</a>							
To provide members of the public with a right of access to records and information held by public bodies; to make public bodies accountable by giving the public a right to request correction of misrepresented personal information; to prevent the unauthorised collection, use or disclosure of personal information by public bodies; to protect personal privacy; to provide for the regulation of the mass media; to establish a Media and Information Commission and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental to the foregoing.							
Act 5/2002. Amended by AIPPA Amendment Act 2003 effective 07-Jan-05						15-Mar-02	Effective
<a href="#">Africa</a>	<p>This Bill will enable legal force to be given in Zimbabwe to the Agreement for the Establishment of the African Export-Import Bank, which was concluded in Abidjan on the 8th May, 1993 and of which Zimbabwe is a signatory. First Schedule to the Bill deals with the privileges and immunities to be enjoyed by the Bank. Also accorded the force of law in Zimbabwe are two other Agreements:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Branch Office Agreement concerning the location in Harare of the Bank's first branch office (see the Second Schedule to the Bill). This Agreement goes into detail about the privileges and immunities of the Branch and its officials.</li> <li>- the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the occupancy of a temporary branch office by the Bank and the transfer to the Bank of title to a piece of land in George Silundika Avenue, Harare, for the construction of the permanent branch office (see the Third Schedule to the Bill).</li> </ul> <p>The main provisions of the Bill and its First Schedule are similar to the provisions of existing legislation covering other international financial institutions – the African Development Bank (Membership of Zimbabwe) Act, the African Development Fund (Zimbabwe) Act, and the International Financial Organisations Act (IMF, World Bank, International Finance Corporation and International Development Association). Only the Bill's provisions for the Branch Office have no real counterpart in those Acts.</p> <p>Ministry: Finance Stage: House copies</p>						

<a href="#">Export-Import Bank (Membership of Zimbabwe and Branch Office Agreement) Bill</a>	24 of 6th Parl '05	HB 2/2005	11-Nov-05		14-Oct-05		Gazetted
Agricultural Marketing Authority Act	Brought into effect by SI 69/2005						
	12/2005	26/2005	03-Mar-05	15-Dec-04	25-Feb-05	01-Jun-05	Effective
<a href="#">AIPPA Amendment Act</a>	Brought into operation by SI 4/2005						
	Act 21/2004				07-Jan-05	07-Jan-05	Effective
<a href="#">Anti-Corruption Commission Act</a>	Brought into operation by SI 4/2005						
	3/2005		17-Jan-05		26-Nov-04	14-Jan-05	Effective
Appropriation Bill	Gives effect to the approved Estimates of Expenditure						
	47/2004	HB 27/2004	21-Dec-04	20-Dec-04			Passed
Appropriation (Supplementary) (2005) Act See: <a href="#">Appropriation (Supplementary) (2005) Bill</a>	To apply a further sum of money for the service of Zimbabwe during the year ending on the 31st December 2005. The Bill was fast tracked through Parliament.						
	16 of 6th Parl '05	Act 2/2005	14-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	Effective
<a href="#">Attorney General's Office Bill</a>	This Bill aims to establish the Attorney-General's Office Board, to constitute the Attorney-General's Office as a service outside the Public Service and to provide for the administration of the Attorney-General's Office and conditions of service of its members. Ministry: Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Stage: This Bill has had a non-adverse report from the Parliamentary Legal Committee [PLC] and has been on the order paper for its second reading for the last few weeks. This has been again postponed and it is still on the order paper for its second reading.						
	24 of 6th Parl '05	HB 4/2005	11-Nov-05		29-Apr-05		Gazetted
Banking Amendment Act	This Act is designed to amend the Banking Act by introducing provisions that the Minister of Finance has to be consulted via the Governor of the Reserve bank before the registration, cancellation of registration, changes in ownership or the placing under curatorship of banking institutions.						
	16 of 6th Parl '05	Act 1/2005	14-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	Effective
<a href="#">Broadcasting</a>	To provide for the functions, powers and duties of the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe; to provide for the constitution of the Authority; to provide for the planning, management, allocation, regulation and protection of the broadcasting frequency spectrum and the regulation and licensing of broadcasting services and systems; to provide for programme standards; to regulate and license signal carriers; to encourage and develop the creative arts through broadcasting content standards; to create a sense of national identity through broadcasting services; to create a Broadcasting Fund to help finance local broadcasting and for related purposes; and to provide for matters incidental to or connected with the foregoing.						
		Act 3/2001				04-Apr-01	Effective

<a href="#">Services Act, 2001</a>							
<a href="#">Broadcasting Services (Access to radio and media during an Election) Regulations, 2005 (Statutory Instrument 22 of 2005)</a>	11/2005	SI 22/2005	17-Feb-05		16-Feb-05	16-Feb-05	Gazetted in a Gazette Extraordinary
Censorship and Entertainment Control Amendment Act (No 21 of 1994)	Brought into operation by SI 226/2004. The objective of this Amendment is to control pornography by requiring licensing of video clubs and the like. Inter alia, it authorises people to search and seize.						
	2/2005	Act 21/1994	10-Jan-05			01-Jul-05	Effective
<a href="#">Citizenship of Zimbabwe Amendment Bill, 2003</a>	This Bill will amend the Citizenship of Zimbabwe Act [Chapter 4:01] so as to provide for the exemption from renunciation of foreign citizenship requirement provided in section 9 of the Act. The Bill stipulates the circumstances in which a person may be exempted.						
					14-Feb-03		Gazetted
<a href="#">Consolidated Land Acquisition Act to Sept 19, 2002</a>	To empower the President and other authorities to acquire land and other immovable property compulsorily in certain circumstances; to make special provision for the compensation payable for agricultural land required for resettlement purposes; to provide for the establishment of the Derelict Land Board; to provide for the declaration and acquisition of derelict land; and to provide for matters connected with or incidental to the foregoing. [Long title amended by s. 22 of Act 15/2000.]						
	Acts 3/1992, 15/2000, 14/2001, 6/2002 Amendment (No. 2) Act, 2002 - promulgation pending. This consolidated Act incorporates the four amending Acts to 19th September, 2002.					08-May-92	Effective
<a href="#">Constitution of Zimbabwe</a> [As amended to No.17 of 14 Sept 2005]	Section 24(2) states that sections 2, 3, 4, 18, 19(a) (new definition of "voter" only), 20 and 22, the First Schedule (Part I only) and the Second Schedule come into force on the date of commencement of the Act, namely, the 14th September, 2005, the day on which the Act was published in the Gazette. The remaining provisions of the Act will not come into full operation until the Senate is duly elected and constituted in terms of the transitional provisions contained in the Second Schedule to the Act. Nevertheless, all amendments made by the Act have been incorporated in this version of the Constitution, which may, therefore, be said to reflect the text of the Constitution as it will be with effect from a date yet to be ascertained but probably not before December, 2005 (the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs having been reported as saying the Senate elections will be held in that month).						
	Act 25/1981, 27/1981, 1/1983, 4/1984, 4/1985, 15/1987, 23/1987, 4/1989, 31/1989, 15/1990, 30/1990, 4/1993, 9/1993, 14/1996, 10/1998, 5/2000 and 5/2005	01-Oct-05				14-Sep-05	Effective in parts
<a href="#">Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment</a>	This Act amends the Constitution to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make provisions for the confirmation of the acquisition of land for</li> </ul>						

<a href="#">(No. 17) Act</a>	<p>which gave effect to the Land Reform Programme which started in 2000. It provides that these acquisitions cannot be challenged in court and for the transfer of title of acquired land to the State. It also provides for the acquisition in the future of agricultural land for resettlement and other purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstitute Parliament as a bicameral legislature consisting of a House of Assembly and a Senate. It specifies the numbers for each house and how they will be elected or appointed. It provides for the necessary changes to the way that legislation will be enacted.</li> <li>• To include non-discrimination on the grounds of physical disability.</li> <li>• Include the institution and functions of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission within the Constitution and abolish the Electoral Supervisory Commission. Voter qualifications will be changed so that non-citizens who are permanent residents will no longer have the right to vote.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Criminal Law [Codification and Reform] Act</a>	<p>This Act seeks to "codify" that part of the common law of Zimbabwe which concerns non-statutory crimes. It will re-enact, amend, modify or repeal the non-statutory Roman-Dutch law in force since 1891. A few crimes (e.g. computer crimes) have also been added to bring the criminal law up to date.</p>
<a href="#">Disabled Persons Act as amended to December 01, 2002</a>	<p>To make provision for the welfare and rehabilitation of disabled persons; to provide for the appointment and functions of a Director for Disabled Persons' Affairs and the establishment and functions of a National Disability Board; and to provide for matters connected with or incidental to the foregoing.</p>
<a href="#">Education Act</a>	<p>To provide for the declaration of the fundamental rights to, and objectives of, education in Zimbabwe; to provide for the establishment, maintenance and regulation of Government schools, Government teachers colleges and other Government educational facilities; to provide for the establishment and administration of non-Government schools and teachers colleges, and for the registration and control thereof; to provide for the registration and control of correspondence colleges and independent colleges and for the establishment of an advisory council for such colleges; to make financial provision for schools and teachers colleges; to provide for the transfer of teachers to the Public Service; and to provide for matters connected with or incidental to the foregoing.</p>
<a href="#">Education Amendment Bill</a>	<p>The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Education Act to enable the M Education to prescribe (by statutory instrument) fees and levies (and i these) of non-government schools. It will increase penalties for schoo comply. It will give the Minister the power to prescribe and vet the qua teachers employed by non-government schools. The Bill also propose main languages will be taught on an equal time basis and that up to fc these languages, depending on which is better understood by the pup as the medium of instruction. More than one association of teachers v for and the Minister will be able to make regulations governing teache associations of teachers and school uniforms. Ministry: Education, Sport and Culture</p>

	Stage: The PLC gave this Bill an <a href="#">adverse report</a> . The report is on the order paper to be considered by the House.						
	24 of 6th Parl '05	HB 5/2005	11-Nov-05		20-May-05		Gazetted
<a href="#">Electoral Regulations, 2005 (Statutory Instrument 21 of 2005)</a>	These regulations may be cited as the Electoral Regulations, 2005.						
	11/2005	SI 21/2005	17-Feb-05		14-Feb-05	14-Feb-05	Gazetted in a Gazette Extraordinary
<a href="#">Electoral Act</a>	Brought into operation by SI 17/2005						
	7/2005	Act 25/2004	01-Feb-05		21-Jan-05	01-Feb-05	Effective
Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Bill	Ministry: Local Government, Public Works and National Housing Stage: Proofs with Draftsman						
	22 of 6th Parl '05	HB 23/2004	30-Oct-05				Proofs with Draftsman
<a href="#">Ex-Political Prisoners, Detainees, and Restricttees Act</a>	To provide for the establishment of schemes for the provision of assistance to ex-political prisoners, detainees and restricttees and their dependants; to provide for the establishment of a fund to finance such assistance; to provide for the constitution and functions of the Ex-Political Prisoners, Detainees and Restricttees Board; and to provide for matters incidental to or connected with the foregoing. Date of commencement will be fixed by statutory instrument.						
	2/2005	Act 20/2004	10-Jan-05		24-Dec-04		Gazetted, awaiting SI to set effective date
Finance Bill	Gives effect to the Minister of Finance's proposal for raising money						
	47/2004	HB 26/2004	21-Dec-04	20-Dec-04			Passed
Finance Act, 2005 <a href="#">Finance Bill, 2005</a>	To make further provision for the revenues and public funds of Zimbabwe and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. This Bill will amend the Finance Act [Chapter 23:04], the Income Tax Act [Chapter 23:06], the Value Added Tax Act [Chapter 23:12], the Customs and Excise Act [Chapter 23:02] and the Revenue Authority Act [Chapter 13:14]. These amendments will give effect to certain fiscal measures mentioned by the Minister of Finance in his mid-term fiscal policy review statement delivered on the 4th August, 2005, and make certain modifications to improve revenue collection and administration. The Bill was fast tracked through Parliament.						
	16 of 6th Parl '05	Act 2/2005	14-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	12-Sep-05	Effective

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