

LAW N^o 2026/003 OF 14 APR 2026

TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SOME PROVISIONS OF LAW
N^o. 2012/001 OF 19 APRIL 2012 RELATING TO THE ELECTORAL CODE



*The Parliament deliberated and adopted,
the President of the Republic hereby
enacts the law set out below:*

SECTION 1: The provisions of Sections 140, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146 and 170 of Law No. 2012/001 of 19 April 2012 relating to the Electoral Code, are amended and supplemented as follows:

“CHAPTER VI
OATH TAKING

SECTION 140 (new): (1) The President-elect shall assume office once he takes the oath within no more than 15 (fifteen) days of the proclamation of the results by the Constitutional Council.

(2) He shall take oath of office before the Cameroonian people in the presence of Members of Parliament, the Constitutional Council and the Supreme Court meeting in solemn session in the manner and words prescribed hereinunder:

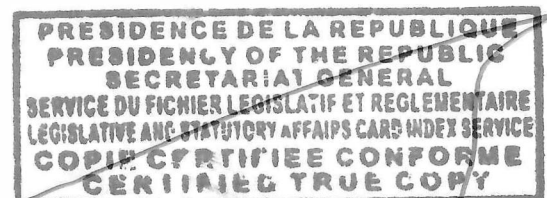
(a) The President of the National Assembly shall administer the oath following a short address which he shall conclude in the following established form:

“Mr President-elect of the Republic,

Do you pledge yourself on your honour to faithfully perform the duties entrusted to you by the people, and do you solemnly swear before God and all men to devote all your efforts to preserving, protecting and defending the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Cameroon, to watch over the commonwealth of the Nation, and to uphold and defend the unity, integrity and independence of the Cameroon Fatherland?”

(b) The President-elect, standing, raising his right hand and facing the Members of Parliament, the Constitutional Council and the Supreme Court shall pledge himself by answering:

“I DO SO SWEAR.”



CHAPTER VII
VACANCY OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

SECTION 142 (new): (1) Where the office of President of the Republic becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, the Vice-President shall complete the term of office of the President of the Republic.

(2) (a) The Vice-President shall assume office once he takes the oath of office before the Cameroonian people in the presence of Members of Parliament, the Constitutional Council and the Supreme Court meeting in solemn session.

(b) The form of the oath shall be as follows:

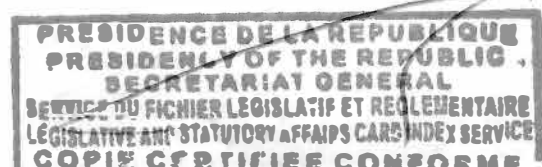
"Mr Vice-President of the Republic,

Do you pledge yourself on your honour to faithfully perform the duties of President of the Republic, and do you solemnly swear before God and all men to devote all your efforts to preserving, protecting and defending the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Cameroon, to watch over the commonwealth of the Nation, and to uphold and defend the unity, integrity and independence of the Cameroon Fatherland?"

(c) The Vice-President, standing, raising his right hand and facing the Members of Parliament, the Constitutional Council and the Supreme Court shall pledge himself by answering:

"I DO SO SWEAR."

(3) Where the Vice-President is also unable to exercise the powers, the powers of the interim President of the Republic shall be exercised as of right by the President of the Senate. Where the latter is also unable to exercise the powers, they shall be exercised by the Vice



President of the Senate following the order of precedence in the Senate.

(4) In the case referred to in (3) above, a poll for the election of the new President of the Republic shall be organized.

(5) The interim President of the Republic, that is, the President of the Senate or his Vice, may neither amend the Constitution nor reshuffle the Government. He may not organize a referendum or be a candidate in the Presidential election. However, in case of necessity related to the organization of the presidential election, the acting President of the Republic may, upon consultation with the Constitutional Council, reshuffle the Government.

SECTION 143 (new): (1) In the event of resignation of the President of the Republic, he shall so inform the nation in a message.

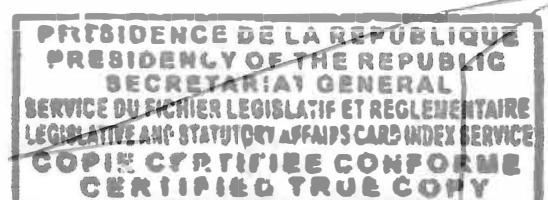
(2) The resigning President of the Republic shall then tender his resignation to the President of the Constitutional Council and the Vice-President of the Republic.

(3) The message referred to in (1) above shall be published according to the procedure of urgency, and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

SECTION 144 (new): (1) Where the office of the President of the Republic becomes vacant as a result of death, the Vice-President of the Republic shall assume office once he takes the oath as provided for in Section 142(2) above.

SECTION 145 (new): (1) The permanent unavailability of the President of the Republic shall be ascertained by a majority of 2/3 (two thirds) of the members of the Constitutional Council.

(2) Such unavailability shall be referred to the Constitutional Council by the Vice-President.



(3) The declaration of the vacancy of the office of President of the Republic as duly ascertained in accordance with (1) and (2) above, shall be published by the Constitutional Council according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

SECTION 146 (new): In the case referred to in Section 142(4) above, the polls for the election of the new President of the Republic must be held no less than 20 (twenty) days and no more than 120 (one hundred and twenty) days of the vacancy of the office.

PART VI
PROVISIONS SPECIFIC TO THE ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL
COUNCILLORS

CHAPTER I
TERM OF OFFICE AND POLLING

SECTION 170 (new): (1) All the seats of municipal councillors shall be renewed every 5 (five) years at the same date.

(2) However, if need be, the President of the Republic may, by decree, extend or abridge the term of office of municipal councillors, after consultation with the Government and the Bureau of the Senate."

SECTION 2: This law shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

