



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)**  
**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MESSAGES**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

\_\_\_\_ (No.005 of 2023) \_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION OF VACANCIES IN THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL  
AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION (IEBC)**

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**Honourable Members,**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from His Excellency the President regarding the declaration of vacancies in the offices of Chairperson and Members of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).
2. In the Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, following his assent to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2022 on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, he has now formally declared vacancies in the aforementioned offices vide Kenya *Gazette* No. 1901 of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023. This will kick-start the process for the recruitment of the Chairperson and Members of the IEBC.
3. **Honourable Members,** for clarity, section 2 of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2023 states as follows and I quote -

***"2. The First Schedule to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Act, 2011 is amended in paragraph 1 by deleting sub-paragraph (2) and substituting therefor the following new sub-paragraph—***

***(2) The selection panel shall consist of —***

***(a) one man and one woman, nominated by the Parliamentary Service Commission;***

***(b) one person nominated by the Public Service Commission;***

***(c) one person nominated by the Political Parties Liaison Committee;***

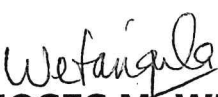
***(d) one person nominated by the Law Society of Kenya; and***

***(e) two persons nominated by the Interreligious Council of Kenya."***

**4. Honourable Members,** the President is therefore notifying the House and the relevant bodies which are required to submit members to constitute the Selection Panel as stipulated in the law.

**5.** In this regard, **Honourable Members,** the Parliamentary Service Commission has already commenced the process of identifying its two nominees to ensure the Panel is properly established as per the law.

**I thank you.**

  
**THE RT. HON. MOSES M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023