THE NATIONAL COHESION AND INTEGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2012

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to amend the National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya as follows—

1. This Act shall be cited as the National Cohesion and Integration (Amendment) Bill, 2012 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 8th September, 2012.

2. Section 19 of the National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008 is amended by renumbering the existing provision as subsection (1) and inserting a new subsection (2) as follows—

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), the first Commission appointed upon commencement of this Act shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of the initial appointment.
MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill aims to amend the National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008 so extend by one year the term of office of the current Commissioners of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission. The extension of the term of office will only apply to the current Commission but subsequent commissioners will serve for a term of three years as originally contemplated. The extension is necessitated by the fact that the term of the current Commission comes to an end on 7th September, 2012 and the Commission is critical to the facilitation and promotion of equality of opportunity, good relations, harmony and peaceful co-existence between persons of the different ethnic and racial communities of Kenya especially in the build up to the next general elections and generally in the implementation of the New Constitution like for instance in the setting up of devolved system of Government.

The enactment of this Bill shall not occasion additional expenditure of public funds.

Dated the 21st August, 2012.

NJOROGE BAIYA,
Member of Parliament.
Section 19 of No 12 of 2008 which it is proposed to amend—

19. The Chairperson and the commissioners shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.