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THE VETTING OF JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

A Bill for
AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Vetting of Judges and Magistrates Act, 2011 and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Vetting of Judges and Magistrates (Amendment) Act, 2016.

2. Section 23 of the Vetting of Judges and Magistrates Act is amended in sub-section (3) by deleting the words "three months" and substituting therefor the words "six months".
MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The principal object of this Bill is to amend the Vetting of Judges and Magistrates Act, No. 2 of 2011. The Bill proposes that section 23(3) of the Act be amended in order to increase the remaining time of the Board from three months to six months to enable the Board complete pending reviews and other unfinished vetting activities including according time for Justice Nicholas Ombija to appear before the Board for vetting in the event the Supreme Court decides that he is to be vetted afresh.

This Bill is not a Bill concerning county governments.

The enactment of this Bill shall not occasion additional expenditure of public funds in the current financial year.

Dated the 21st March, 2016.

SAMUEL CHEPKONGA,
Chairperson, Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.
Section 23 of the Vetting of Judges and Magistrates Act, No. 2 of 2011, which it is proposed to amend—

Timeframe

(3) Where the time prescribed in this section lapses when the Board has commenced the hearing of a matter but it has not made a determination under section 21, the time shall be deemed to have been extended until such determination is made and shall not exceed three months from 31st December, 2015.

(4) The Board shall stand dissolved within thirty days of the execution of its mandate upon which this Act shall lapse.