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Provincial Legislature

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Stage Eight: The Act is published in the Provincial Gazette, with the original copy sent to the Constitutional Court for safekeeping and compliance

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The Bill is sent to the Secretary to the Legislature for publication in the Government Gazette, the Gazette calls for public input

Stage Four: The Bill is introduced in the Sitting of the Legislature by the Members of the Executive Council responsible

Stage Five: The Bill is referred to the relevant Portfolio Committee. The Committee deliberates on the Bill. The Committee may call for public input through a public hearing

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