

FREE STATE LEGISLATURE

Address your petition to: The Speaker, Free State Legislature, 41 Charlotte Maxeke Sreet, Bloemfontein,9301

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This form provides for the right to submit a petition to the Provincial Legislature of Free State , as contemplated in section 2 of the Petitions Act No 2 of 2008, to read with section 17 of the Constitution, 1996.

Name and Surname of the Petitioner(s)/ Group

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Physical Address

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Name of Local Municipality

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Statement of complaint (more information can be supplemented by attaching an annexure)

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What do you want the Legislature to do?

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Where have you taken your complaint before approaching the Legislature?

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Did you have any response from bodies to whom you had taken your matter before? If yes, give the details thereof.

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Signature:.....

Date:.....

What is a petition?

A petition is a written request or complaint made by one or more members of the public. It can be a complaint about services provided by government departments or institutions.

Who can petition the Free State Legislature?

Any person irrespective of color, race, gender etc, may petition the Legislature.

How do I know if my matter qualifies as a petition?

Not all submissions made to the Legislature will be petitions. The Free State Petitions Act No 2 of 2008 defines the scope of issues that may be considered as petitions and those that may not.

For a matter to be considered as a petition it must:

- Be a matter within the powers of the Free State Legislature
- Be a matter within the powers of the Provincial government
- Is a matter assigned to a Member of the Executive Council within the Province
- Relate to a Local Government within the Free State Province

The Free State Legislature may refuse/reject a petition that is:

- Illegible
- Does not reflect the name and contact address of the petitioner
- Has not been signed by the petitioner
- Concerning a matter pending in court of law
- Originating from a prisoner and is connected to his/her case
- Involving the subject matter that is before a Commission of Inquiry and other relevant bodies.

The form of a petition

- A petitioner must submit a petition in writing
- There is a prescribed form designed for petitions, if the space is not enough on the form, the petitioner may use separate sheets of paper to write his/her submissions on
- A petitioner may use his/her preferred official language
- The Committee may allow a petitioner to supplement a written petition with oral submissions

How do I submit a petition?

A petition may be submitted to the Petitions Unit in hard copy (by hand or post) or submitted to a Member of the Free State Legislature (MPL).

Processes to be followed by the Free State Legislature

The Household Committee on Petitions is responsible for considering all admissible petitions lodged with the Free State Legislature. The Committee may recommend the referral of a petition, in whole or in part, to the Speaker for consideration by any of the following persons or bodies:

- The Legislature
- The Petitions Committee of the Legislature
- Member of the Executive Council of the Province
- The Municipal Council of local government in the province, or an institution supporting constitutional democracy mentioned in Chapter 9 of Act No. 108 of 1996.

The following should be clearly indicated:

- The name of the petitioner
- The physical address of the petitioner
- The concerns/ actions and suggestions requested/ proposed by the petitioner