



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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DECISIONS AND QUORUMS

FACT SHEET 12

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All questions before the House are decided by a majority of the votes cast. The Presiding Officer has a casting vote whenever there is an equal number of votes on each side of the question.

A quorum of at least one third of the Members is necessary for the House to meet and, subject to certain specific provisions of the Constitution of the Western Cape, a majority of the Members is necessary before a decision may be taken with regard to a bill.

The Constitution of the Western Cape requires the following special majorities:

- a) a supporting vote of a majority of the Members is necessary to adopt a resolution to dissolve the Provincial Parliament, a resolution to remove the Speaker or another Presiding Officer from office, a motion of no confidence in the Provincial Cabinet excluding the Premier, and a motion of no confidence in the Premier;
- b) a supporting vote of at least 60% of the Members is necessary to adopt a resolution approving a nominee for appointment as Commissioner for the Environment; and
- c) a supporting vote of at least two-thirds of the Members is necessary to adopt a Bill providing for provincial symbols, a resolution requesting the national Parliament to change the name of the province, a Bill to replace, amend or repeal the Constitution of the Western Cape, a resolution to remove the Premier from office, and a resolution to remove the Commissioner for the Environment from office.

In accordance with section 196(8)(b)(ii) and (11)(c) of the national Constitution, a supporting vote of a majority of the Members is necessary for the adoption of a resolution approving a nominee for appointment as Public Service Commissioner for the province; and for the adoption of a resolution calling for the removal from office of the Public Service Commissioner for the province.