

- (2) Other privileges and immunities of the National Council of Provinces, delegates to the Council and persons referred to in sections 66 and 67 may be prescribed by national legislation.
- (3) Salaries, allowances and benefits payable to permanent members of the National Council of Provinces are a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund.

Public access to and involvement in National Council

72. (1) The National Council of Provinces must—
- (a) facilitate public involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Council and its committees; and
 - (b) conduct its business in an open manner, and hold its sittings, and those of its committees, in public, but reasonable measures may be taken—
 - (i) to regulate public access, including access of the media, to the Council and its committees; and
 - (ii) to provide for the searching of any person and, where appropriate, the refusal of entry to, or the removal of, any person.
- (2) The National Council of Provinces may not exclude the public, including the media, from a sitting of a committee unless it is reasonable and justifiable to do so in an open and democratic society.

National Legislative Process

All Bills

73. (1) Any Bill may be introduced in the National Assembly.
- (2) Only a Cabinet member or a Deputy Minister, or a member or committee of the National Assembly, may introduce a Bill in the Assembly, but only the Cabinet member responsible for national financial matters may introduce the following Bills in the Assembly:
- (a) a money Bill; or
 - (b) a Bill which provides for legislation envisaged in section 214.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 1(a) of the Constitution Seventh Amendment Act of 2001.]

- (3) A Bill referred to in section 76(3), except a Bill referred to in subsection (2)(a) or (b) of this section, may be introduced in the National Council of Provinces.

[Sub-s. (3) substituted by s. 1(b) of the Constitution Seventh Amendment Act of 2001.]