

Bill withdrawn due to Section 25 review

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Parliament's public works committee has withdrawn the Expropriation Bill because of the parliamentary process which is under way to review Section 25 of the constitution dealing with expropriation without compensation.

The ANC members of the committee welcomed the withdrawal.

The bill was passed by parliament in 2016, and returned by former president Jacob Zuma in 2017 due to concerns arising from the public participation process followed by the National Council of Provinces.

In February, the National Assembly and NCOP adopted a resolution instructing the constitutional review committee

to review – among other possible amendments – Section 25 of the constitution to make it possible for the state to expropriate land without compensation.

The public works committee withdrew the Expropriation Bill for further reconsideration on the conclusion of the review process.

“As the ANC, we reiterate our commitment to pursue the expropriation of land without compensation as one of the measures to ensure land reform is implemented in a way that increases agricultural production, improves food security and ensures that the land is returned to those from whom it was taken,” ANC study group on public works whip Freddie Adams said. – *BDLive*