

BILL WATCH SPECIAL

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The appointment of 8 of the Provincial Governors and 3 of the appointed Senators was announced late yesterday

These appointments will ensure that ZANU PF have the majority of Senate Seats - of the elected Senators ZANU PF have 30, MDC T 24 and MDC M 6. With the new appointments ZANU PF can rely on another 11 votes. The Senator chiefs number 18 – traditionally they have voted ZANU PF

This will mean the offices of President and Deputy President of the Senate will likely go to ZANU PF nominees.

Voting for these offices is by secret ballot, as for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Of the total of 93 Senate seats there are two appointed Senate seats and two provincial governors [ex officio Senate members] still to be announced.

Provincial Governors

Re-appointments: Angeline Masuku (Matabeleland South), Thokozile Mathuthu (Matabeleland North), Cain Mathema (Bulawayo) and David Karimanzira (Harare)

New appointments: Martin Dinha (Mashonaland Central), Aeneas Chigwedere (Mashonaland East), Christopher Mushowe (Manicaland) and Faber Chidarikire (Mashonaland West)

To be appointed: Midlands and Masvingo

Appointed Senators

Joseph Msika, Patrick Chinamasa and John Nkomo

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