

# Museveni signs Sovereignty Bill into law

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President Yoweri Museveni has assented to the Protection of Sovereignty Bill, 2026, formally turning it into law.

The President assented to the Bill yesterday evening, which now legally turns it into an Act, according to a statement from State House.

The Protection of Sovereignty Act is intended to provide protection of the sovereignty of Ugandans and designate the department responsible for peace and security in the Ministry of Internal Affairs as the implementing authority.

It is also aimed at providing for the registration and regulation of agents of foreign entities; regulating funding and other forms of assistance to such agents and related matters.

With the presidential assent, the Act will guide implementation by the relevant state institutions in line with existing legal and policy frameworks.

The Act is expected to strengthen Uganda's capacity to safeguard its independence in national decision-making processes, while further entrenching the constitutional principle that governance and development priorities remain anchored in national interest.

"It is also anticipated to improve clarity in the management of state authority, enhance institutional coordination and support ongoing efforts to promote stability, accountability and orderly governance," the statement said.

In addition, the law is seen as complementing Uganda's broader development agenda, particularly in advancing economic transformation, improving public sector efficiency and safeguarding national policy space as the country continues to engage with regional and international partners.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAW

- Individuals, entities to declare source, amount, purpose of funding.
- Giving false or misleading information attracts sh1.4m fine or five years in jail.
- Foreign funding exceeding sh400m annually must be declared.
- Individuals or companies that receive funds meant to destabilise Uganda face up to 10 years imprisonment or sh1b fine for individuals or sh2b for companies.
- Company directors to be held personally liable in case of any breach.
- Promoting foreign interests against government attracts a penalty of sh1b or 10 years in jail.