5. Constitution of council.

—(1) Whenever it becomes necessary to designate or elect the members of the council the following procedure shall be followed:
(a) Before the expiration of the period of office of the outgoing council, an election shall be held in the prescribed manner for—
(i) the election of ten veterinarians or veterinary specialists by persons registered or deemed to be registered in terms of this Act to practise veterinary professions;
(ii) the election of one representative of each para-veterinary profession by persons registered or deemed to be registered in terms of this Act to practise the para-veterinary profession concerned.
(b) The Minister shall, after consultation with the outgoing council, appoint a selection panel, which must consist of—
(i) three veterinarians or veterinary specialists;
(ii) one para-veterinary professional;
(iii) one non-veterinary professional.
(c) The selection panel shall select—
(i) two persons on account of their knowledge of law;
(ii) eight veterinarians or veterinary specialists;
(iii) two non-veterinarians.
(d) The rector or principal of each university in the Republic that has a faculty of veterinary science, shall nominate at least three veterinarians or veterinary specialists who are fit and proper persons.

[Sub-s. (1) amended by s. 2 of Act No. 19 of 1969 and substituted by s. 2 (a) of Act No. 10 of 2002.]

Wording of Sections
(2) The council consists of—
(a) one officer of the Department of Agriculture who is a veterinarian or veterinary specialist, designated by the Minister;
(b) six veterinarians or veterinary specialists from the ten persons elected as contemplated in subsection (1) (a) (i), of whom—
(i) the three persons with the most votes in that election qualify automatically to be members of the council;
(ii) three further persons shall be designated by the Minister;
(c) one representative of each para-veterinary profession elected as contemplated in subsection (1) (a) (ii);
(d) one person from the persons referred to in subsection (1) (c) (i), designated by the Minister;
(e) five persons designated by the Minister from the persons referred to in subsection (1) (c) (ii) and (iii), of whom at least one shall be a non-veterinarian;
(f) one person from each of the universities in the Republic that has a faculty of veterinary science, designated by the Minister from the nominations referred to in subsection (1) (d); and
(g) one representative designated by the South African Veterinary Association from its members.