

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA (NUMBER OF JUDGES) ACT NO. 15 2003 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FROM THIRTY SEVEN (37) TO SEVENTY FIVE (75); AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2016 HB. 457

Provisions of the Principal Act	Provisions of the Bill	Committee of the Whole Recommendations
1. Number of Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory The High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, shall consist of- (a) a Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and (b) a maximum number of thirty-seven Judges of the Court.	Amendment of Section 1. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection 1 (b) by substituting for the words 'Thirty Seven' the word 'Seventy Five'.	Retained
2. Federal Character in the appointment of Judges, etc. The principle of "Federal Character of Nigeria" shall be applied in the appointment of judges of the Court provided that nothing in this Act shall affect or negate the proceeding of the Court by	Amendment of Section 2 Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting all the words immediately after the word 'Court' in line 2.	Retained

reason only that the number of judges of the Court remains at any time below thirty-seven.		
3. Citation This Act may be cited as the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (Number of Judges) Act, 2003.	Citation 3. This Bill may be cited as the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (Amendment) Bill, 2016.	Retained
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM An Act to prescribe the number of Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and for related matters.	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM This Bill seeks to amend the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Act No. 15, 2003 to increase the number of Judges from the current 37 to 75 to provide for sufficient number of Judges in view of the increased number of cases in the dockets of the Court.	Retained