



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FCT JUDICIARY ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FCT CUSTOMARY COURT ACT CAP F39 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO REMOVE CIVIL MATTERS FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT LEAVING IT ESSENTIALLY WITH CUSTOMARY MATTERS AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 190)

1.0 PREAMBLE

The House of Representatives on 12th April, 2016 read the above mentioned Bill for the second time and referred same to the Committee on FCT Judiciary for further legislative action.

2.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE BILL

The Bill seeks to provide for an Act to Amend the FCT Customary Court Act CAP F39 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Remove Civil Matters from the jurisdiction of the Court Leaving it essentially with Customary Matters and for Other Matters Connected Therewith.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

The Committee requested for memoranda from stakeholders and the general public and subsequently conducted a Public Hearing on the Bill on 27th October, 2016. The Hearing was attended by the FCT Customary Court of Appeal, National Judicial Council, Nigerian Institute of Legislative Studies, Nigerian Bar Association Abuja Chapter and other stakeholders who made presentations. After the Public Hearing, the Committee held Mark-Up Sessions and analyzed various presentations by Stakeholders.

In arriving at its recommendations, the Committee made reference to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) FCT Customary Court Act, as well as presentations made by Stakeholders.

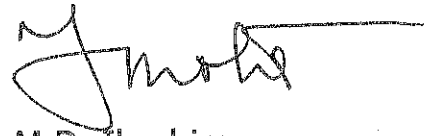
4.0 Report of the Committee on the Bill is attached for consideration and adoption by the House.

5.0 **CONCLUSION**

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Colleagues, I want to use this opportunity to express our appreciation to you for the opportunity given to us to serve.



Hon. Muntari Dandutse
Chairman



M.D. Ibrahim
Clerk

<p>PART II.- CRIMINAL CAUSES</p> <p>Types of offences</p> <p>1. Contempt of court committed in the face of the Court.</p> <p>2. Cases where criminal jurisdiction is conferred on the Court by this Act.</p>		
<p>3. Civil causes and matters including bye-laws where the debt, demand, including dowry, bride price or damages do not exceed the amounts specified in the respective columns hereof</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade A - Grade B - Grade C</i> <i>Unlimited - N200,000 - N100,000</i></p> <p>4. Causes and matters relating to succession to property and administration of estate under customary law where the value of the property does not exceed the amounts specified in the respective columns hereof</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade A - Grade B - Grade C</i> <i>Unlimited - Unlimited - N100,000</i></p> <p>5. Civil causes and matters under any law (other than Customary law) including bye-laws, where the amount of debt, demand or damages does not exceed the amount indicated in the column hereof</p>	<p>3. Item 3 Part I of the Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by deleting the existing provisions and introducing new provisions as follows: <i>Bride price and damages arising therefore, but do not exceed the amount specified in the respective columns thereof"</i></p> <p>5. Item 5, Part 1 of the Schedule to the Principal Act is completely deleted and the new Schedule to the principal Act will now contain items 1 to 4 only</p>	<p>Provisions of the Principal Act RETAINED.</p> <p>Provision of the Principal Act RETAINED.</p>

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PART II.- CRIMINAL CAUSES

Types of offences

1. Contempt of court committed in the face of the Court.
2. Cases where criminal jurisdiction is conferred on the Court by this Act.
3. Statutory offences as may be provided in any other law or bye-law, where jurisdiction is specifically conferred on the Court.