

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY DISTRICT COURTS ACT, CAP 495, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 1990

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1. The Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act, Cap 495,
2 Laws of the Federation, 1990 (hereinafter referred to as the “Principal Act”
3 is hereby amended as set out hereunder.

4 2. Section 17 Sub-sections 1 and 2 of the Principal Act is amended
5 by deleting the existing provisions and replacing same with new provisions
6 as follows:

7 “17- Power of National Assembly to increase Jurisdiction of
8 District Court Judge of the Federal Capital Territory.

9 (1) The National Assembly may on the recommendation of the
10 Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory enact a law in respect of
11 increased jurisdiction in civil matters to be exercised by a District Court
12 Judge to such extent as the Chief Judge may on the recommendation specify.

13 (2) Any law enacted by an Act of the National Assembly under
14 Sub-section (1) of this section in respect of an increased jurisdiction in civil
15 matters to be exercised by any District Court Judge, shall specify the
16 maximum sum which is to replace the maximum sums mentioned in
17 sections 13, 14 and 15 of this Act or any other written law or order.”

18 3. Sub-section 3 of Section 17 of the Principal Act is completely
19 deleted.

20 4. This bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory District Citation
21 Courts Act (Amended) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This bill seeks to comply with constitutional requirements by allowing the National Assembly perform its role as the law making organ of government, rather than the Executive arm of government.