

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 FROM THIRTY SEVEN (37) TO SEVENTY FIVE (75); AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Act No. Amendment of
2 15, 2003 (in this Act referred to as "the principal Act") is amended as set out Act No. 15, 2003
3 in this Bill.
- 4 2. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection 1 (b) by Amendment of
5 substituting for the words 'Thirty Seven' the word 'Seventy Five'. Section 1
- 6 3. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting all the Amendment of
7 words immediately after the word 'Court' in line 2. Section 2
- 8 4. This Bill may be cited as the High Court of the Federal Capital Short Title
9 Territory, Abuja (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

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.