

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY, RIGHTS AND INTEREST OF PERSONS WHO HAVE GENUINE RIGHT OF OFFER CERTIFICATE OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED OR ALLOCATED BY AREA COUNCILS IN THE FCT ABUJA, BEFORE 29TH MAY 1999 IN ALL LAYOUTS APPROVED AND INTEGRATED INTO THE MASTER PLAN OF FCT, ABUJA.

Sponsored by Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu

[] Commencement

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

1 1. Section 317 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
2 Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as 'the Constitution') is amended by inserting
3 after the existing subsection (2), a new subsection thus:

Amendment of
Section 317 of
the Constitution

4 “(3) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Constitution or any
5 Act to the contrary, any property, right, authority, privilege, liability or
6 obligation relating to ownership or control on land in the Federal Capital
7 Territory, Abuja which immediately before the date when this Constitution
8 comes into force was vested in, exercisable or enforceable by or against any
9 former authority of an Area Council in the FCT, Abuja as representatives or
10 trustees for the benefit of the Area Council shall on the date of revalidation
11 or recertification by the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja or
12 the Federal Capital Development Authority without further assurances than
13 this provisions, vest in or become exercisable or enforceable by or against
14 the President and Government of the Federation, the Minister of the Federal
15 Capital Territory, Abuja or the Federal Capital Development Authority as
16 the case may be.”

