

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACTS AUTHENTICATION ACT CAP. A2 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION TO HAVE ALL COPIES OF THE ACTS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPOSITED IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Abubakar Lawal*

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

1           **1. The Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2 Laws of the Federation of**  
2           **Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as**  
3           **set out in this Bill.**

Amendment of  
Cap. A2 LFN,  
2004

4           **2. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended-**  
5           **(a) in subsection (2) by inserting after the word, "Court", the words**  
6           **"and another copy deposited in the Federal Ministry of Justice and the**  
7           **Nigerian Law Reform Commission Library";**

Amendment of  
Section 5

8           **(b) by inserting after subsection (3), new subsections (4) and (5)-**  
9           **"(4) A person shall not produce or print any Act of the National**  
10           **Assembly either on paper or electronically, except he-**

11           **(a) is the government printer; or**  
12           **(b) has been given prior written authorization by the Clerk to the**  
13           **National Assembly and he annexes the written authorization to all copies of**  
14           **the law printed."**

15           **"(5) A person who contravenes the provision of section 5(4) of this**  
16           **section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to-**

17           **(a) a fine of N500,000 or to imprisonment for 2 years or both; and**  
18           **(b) have the printed documents ceased.**

Insertion of  
section 5A in the  
Principal

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3. The Principal Act is amended by inserting section "5A" after the

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existing section 5-

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"5A The Clerk to the National Assembly shall issue regulation dealing

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with printing of Acts of National Assembly.

Citation

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4. This Bill may be cited as the Acts Authentication Act (Amendment)

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Bill, 2016.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 by providing for the Attorney General of the Federation to have all copies of the Acts passed by the National Assembly deposited in the Federal Ministry of Justice and the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Library.