

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FCT CUSTOMARY COURT ACT, CAP. F39, LFN. 2007 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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 provisions of section 51 Part I of the Schedule to the FCT
2 Customary Court Act, Cap F39 LFN 2007 (hereinafter referred to as "The
3 Principal Act") is amended as set out hereunder.
- 4 2. Section 31 Part I of the Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
5 by deleting the existing provisions and introducing new provisions as
6 follows;
7 "Suits relating to demand for dowry bride price and damages arising
8 therefore but do not exceed the amount specified in the respective columns
9 thereof".
- 10 3. Section 51 Part I of the Schedule to the Principal Act will now
11 contain section 1 to 4 only.
- 12 4. This Bill may be cited as the FCT Customary Court Citation
13 (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Amendment of
the Principal Act

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to amend the provisions of sections 3 and 51 Part I of the Schedule to the FCT Customary Court Act CAP F39 LFN 2007 to remove civil matters and bye-laws of unlimited jurisdiction (Le. law on tort, contract, crime, trust, commercial transactions, etc) from the powers/causes of the FCT Customary Court, Act and to ensure that the FCT Customary Court do adjudicate essentially on customary laws ranging from married under Customary laws or Islamic laws, custody of children and guardianship of children under customary laws, succession to property and administration of estate under customary law, and demanding of dowry and bride price paid under customary law etc.