

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELOCATION OF SELECT FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENTS OR DIVISIONS OF SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE CITY CENTRE TO THE SATELLITE TOWNS OF THE FCT ABUJA, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. The object of this Bill is-</p> <p>2 (a) to provide for development of the linkages between the satellite</p> <p>3 towns and the city centre;</p> <p>4 (b) to improve the delivery of services by the public sector and to</p> <p>5 enhance the quality of life of citizens;</p> <p>6 (c) to serve as an integral component of tackling challenges such as</p> <p>7 the increasing demands that are being placed on the city centre;</p> <p>8 (d) to improve the planning and delivery of public services by</p> <p>9 incorporating local needs and conditions while at the same time meeting</p> <p>10 regional and national objectives;</p> <p>11 (e) to serve as a strategy to support satellite towns;</p> <p>12 (f) to create sustainable employment opportunities as part of a</p> <p>13 broader strategy to improve growth and prosperity in the satellite towns;</p> <p>14 (g) to address population imbalance;</p> <p>15 (h) to bring government services closer to the people;</p> <p>16 (i) to tap into specialist skills and experience of people living in</p> <p>17 rural areas; and</p> <p>18 (j) serve as a means to improving regional growth and</p> <p>19 development.</p> | <p>Object of the
Bill</p> |
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Establishment	1	2. There shall be established the Federal Establishments
	2	Decentralization Council (in this Bill referred to as the "Council").
Membership of the Council	3	3. The Council shall comprise the following persons-
	4	(a) the Head of Service of the Federation, who shall be the
	5	Chairperson;
	6	(b) the Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission, who shall
	7	be the Deputy Chairperson;
	8	(c) the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;
	9	(d) the Minister of Budget and National Planning;
	10	(e) the Minister of the FCT;
	11	(f) the Minister of Works and Housing; and
	12	(g) all the Permanent Secretaries of the Federal Ministries, who shall
	13	serve as the ex-officio members.
Functions of Council	14	4. The Council shall-
	15	(a) pursue policies to achieve the object of the Bill;
	16	(b) recommend the relocation of some selected federal
	17	establishments or divisions of establishments outside the City Centre to the
	18	Satellite Towns;
	19	(c) after determining the establishment to be relocated, communicate
	20	its decision to the establishment concerned;
	21	(d) identify new locations for federal establishments or divisions of
	22	federal establishments outside the City Centre;
	23	(e) identify locations for new federal establishments or divisions of
	24	federal establishments within or outside the City Centre;
	25	(f) plan an economic and workforce development study on how the
	26	relocation of an agency or division would impact the new location;
	27	(g) plan a list of potential site acquisitions and partial prospectus for
	28	agencies or divisions of agencies, which shall include-
	29	(i) a brief description of the building to be constructed, altered, or
	30	leased;

1 (ii) the location of the building; and
2 (iii) an estimate of the maximum cost of the acquisition and the
3 relocation.

4 (h) review progress and suggest improvement within the
5 provisions of this Bill; and

6 (i) perform any other function conferred on it under this Bill or
7 incidental to the achievement of the object of the Decentralization.

8 5.-(1) The Council shall meet for the dispatch of business at a time
9 and place determined by the Council but shall meet at least once every three
10 months.

Meetings of the
Council

11 (2) The chairperson shall upon the request of not less than five
12 members of the Council convene a special meeting of the Council.

13 (3) The quorum at a meeting of the Council shall be ten members
14 and shall include the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

15 (4) The chairperson shall preside at every meeting at which he is
16 present and in his absence, a member of the Council elected by the members
17 present from among their number shall preside.

18 (5) Questions before the Council shall be decided by a majority of
19 the members present and voting.

20 (6) The person presiding at a meeting of the Council shall in the
21 event of equality of votes have a second or casting vote.

22 (7) The Council may co-opt any person to act as an adviser at its
23 meetings but no co-opted person is entitled to vote at the meeting.

24 (8) The validity of the proceedings of the Council shall not be
25 affected by a vacancy among its members or by a defect in the appointment
26 or qualification of a member.

27 (9) Except as otherwise provided under this section, the Council
28 shall determine and regulate the procedure for its meetings.

29 6.-(1) A person may not be appointed as or remain a member of the
30 Council, as the case may be, if that person-

Disqualification
from Membership
of Council

1 (a) is an insolvent or becomes insolvent and the insolvency results in
2 the sequestration of that person's estate;

3 (b) has been convicted, in Nigeria or elsewhere, of theft, fraud,
4 forgery, perjury or any other offence involving corruption;

5 (c) has been convicted of any other offence, whether in Nigeria or
6 elsewhere; and

7 (d) has been, or is, removed from an office of trust on account of
8 misconduct in respect of fraud or the misappropriation of money.

9 (2) A member of the Council may be removed from office by the
10 President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Council or Public
11 that the member should continue in that office.

12 (3) A member of the Council, other than an ex-officio, may resign his
13 appointment by a notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the President.

14 (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, it shall
15 be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of
16 the term of office of his predecessor, so that the successor shall represent the
17 same interest and shall be appointed by the President.

Interpretation

18 7. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires-

19 "Bill" means the Federal Establishments Decentralization Bill;

20 "Federal Establishments" means any federal government organizations and
21 institutions;

22 "City Centre" means the central part or the core metropolitan area of Abuja;

23 "Satellite Towns" means smaller municipalities that are adjacent to the city
24 centre as mentioned in the Schedule to this Bill;

25 "Council" means the Establishments Decentralization Council established by
26 Section 3 of this Bill;

27 "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Establishments Decentralization
28 Council;

29 "President" means the President and Commander-in Chief of the Federal
30 Republic of Nigeria.

1 8. This Act may be cited as the Federal Establishments Short title
2 Decentralization Bill, 2019.

3 SCHEDULE

4 1. Kusak/Yanga

5 2. Kuje

6 3. Rubochi

7 4. Anagada

8 5. Dobi

9 6. Gwagwalada

10 7. Zuba

11 8. Dei-Dei

12 9. Karshi

13 10. Gosa

14 11. Karu

15 12. Nyanya

16 13. Kubwa

17 14. Bwari

18 15. Abaji

19 16. Kwali

20 17. Dutse

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to provide for the relocation of select Federal Establishments or divisions of such establishments from the city centre to the satellite towns of the FCT Abuja.

