

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE RIVER BASINS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ACT 1987, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of

Nigeria-

- 1 **1.** The First Schedule to the River Basins Development
2 Authorities Act (the “Principal Act”) is deleted and substituted with the
3 following new Schedule-
- Amendment of
the First Schedule
to the Act

Column 1 Name of Authority	Column 2 Area of Operation	Column 3 Headquarters
1. Anambra-Imo River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Anambra, Abia, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo States.	Owerri
2. Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Delta, Edo, Ekiti and Ondo States excluding those parts of Delta and Edo States drained by the Benin, Escravos, Forcados and Ramos Rivers creek systems	Benin
3. Chad Basin Development Authority	The whole of Barno and Yobe States excluding those parts drained by the Jama'are and Misau Rivers systems but including those parts of Adamawa and Taraba States drained by the Yedseram and Goma Rivers systems	Maiduguri
4. Cross River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Cross River and Akwa-Ibom States	Calabar
5. Hadejia-Jama'are River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Kano, Jigawa States and those parts of Bauchi, Gombe, Yobe and Barno States drained by the Jama'are and Misau Rivers systems.	Kano
6. Lower Benue River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau States	Makurdi
7. Niger Delta River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Rivers and Bayelsa States and those parts of Delta and Edo States drained by Benin, Escravos, Forcados and Ramos Rivers creek systems.	Port-Harcourt

8. Niger River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Kwara and Niger States; the Federal Capital Territory; the whole of Kaduna State excluding Kastina State.	Minna
9. Ogun-Oshun River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Oyo, Osun, Ogun and Lagos States	Abeokuta
10. Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority	Those parts of Bauchi and Gombe States drained by the Adamawa and Taraba Rivers systems; the whole of Adamawa and Taraba States excluding those parts drained by the Yedseram River system.	Yola
11. Sokoto-Rirna River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Sakata, Kebbi, Zamfara and Kastina States.	Sokoto

Citation

2. This Bill may be cited as the River Basin Development Authorities (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the River Basins Development Authorities Act, 1987 among other things, to review the listed States in the Schedule by deleting obsolete ones and including new ones where appropriate.