

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE RIVER BASINS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ACT,  
NO 35; 1987 LFN AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok*

[ ] Commencement

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

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1 "The whole of Kano and Jigawa States and parts of Bauchi state  
2 drained by Jama'are and Misau Rivers systems."

3 (f) by inserting the phrase "parts of Kogi State drained by the Benue  
4 river systems" immediately after the Words "Plateau State" in Column 2 of line  
5 6 in the List of River Basins Authorities as follows:

6 "The Whole of Benue and Plateau State and parts of Kogi State  
7 drained by the Benue river system".

8 (g) by substituting for the paragraph in Column 2 of line 7, a new  
9 paragraph in the List of River Basins Authorities as follows:

10 "The whole of Rivers and Bayelsa States and those parts of Delta state  
11 drained by Escrabos, Forcados and Ramos Rivers creek systems."

12 (h) by inserting the word "Lower" before the word "Niger" in Column  
13 1 of line 8, in the List of River Basins Authorities as follows:

14 "Lower Niger River Basin Development Authority"

15 (i) by substituting for the paragraph in Column 2 of line 8, a new  
16 paragraph in the List of River Basins Authorities as follows:

17 "The whole of Kwara State and Parts of Kogi State drained by the  
18 Niger River system."

19 (j) by substituting the Word "Minna" in Column 3 of line 8, with a new  
20 word "Ilorin" in the List of River Basins Authorities.

21 (k) by inserting the word "Osun" followed by a comma after the word  
22 "Oyo" in Column 2 of line 9 in the List of River Basins Authorities as follows:

23 "The Whole of Oyo, Osun, Ogun and Lagos States".

24 (l) by inserting a new line "12" after line "11" in the List of River  
25 Basins Authorities; Column 1 of line 12 under Name of Authority shall be  
26 "Upper Niger River Basin Development Authority", Column 2 of line 12 under  
27 Area of Operation shall be "Niger, Kaduna and the Federal Capital Territory"  
28 and Column 3 of line 12 under Headquarters shall be "Minna" as follows:

29 12. Upper Niger River Basin Development Authority;

1 Niger, Kaduna and the Federal Capital Territory;

2 Minna.

3 3. This Bill may be cited as the River Basins Development Citation  
4 Authorities Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the River Basins Development Authorities Act to reflect the actual Area of Operation of the various River Basins Development Authorities.

