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A BILL

FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RE-ALLOCATION IN KADUNA OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS CONFERRED BY FEDERAL LAWS PREVIOUSLY CARRIED OUT BY REGIONAL AUTHORITIES WHO NO LONGER EXERCISE FUNCTIONS IN KADUNA.

WHEREAS by the Kaduna Capital Law, 1956 of the Northern Region the Resident, Zaria Province, the District Officer, Zaria, the Local Authority, Kaduna and the Zaria Native Authority have ceased to exercise any functions in and with respect to the Capital Territory of Kaduna:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the re-allocation of functions conferred on the said authorities by Federal laws:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Kaduna (Federal Administrative and Executive Functions) Ordinance, 1958.
2. This Ordinance shall apply—

(a) to any law enacted by the Federal Legislature or having effect as if it had been so enacted, and

(b) to any power or duty which falls to be exercised in respect of the Capital Territory of Kaduna and which is conferred or imposed directly or indirectly by such law upon—

(i) the Resident, Zaria Province;
(ii) the District Officer, Zaria;
(iii) the Local Authority, Kaduna, or
(iv) The Zaria Native Authority.

3. The Governor-General may by Order transfer any power or duty to which this Ordinance applies to any officer in the public service of the Federation, or to such officer in the public service of the Northern Region as may be nominated to him by the Governor of the Northern Region.

4. An Order made under section 3 may make such modifications, whether by means of addition, substitution or deletion, to a law to which this Ordinance applies as may appear necessary for the purpose of this Ordinance, and the provisions of section 42 of the Interpretation Ordinance (which relate to the re-printing of Ordinances which have been amended) shall apply to any modification effected in accordance with this Ordinance as they do to additions, omissions, substitutions and amendments effected by an amending Ordinance.

Objects and Reasons

The Kaduna Capital Law, 1956, of the Northern Region provided that the Capital Territory of Kaduna should cease to be part of Zaria Province and provided for its separate administration, for which purpose an Administrator was appointed to exercise some Regional functions and other functions were transferred to the Governor in Council of the Northern Region.

There are however Federal statutory functions which fall to be exercised in Kaduna as in the rest of the Federation, and with these the Northern Regional law did not seek to deal.

The object of this Ordinance is to enable provision to be made for the exercise of those functions, by means of a transfer in each case by Order to an officer in the public service of the Federation or to an officer in the public service of the Northern Region nominated by the Governor of the Northern Region, and to provide that where an Order is so made the Ordinance which confers the function shall be deemed to be amended.

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