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AN ACT TO CONFER THE STATUS OF A CITY UPON THE TOWN OF LAGOS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONNECTED THERewith.

[1st October, 1963]

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1.—(1) The town of Lagos as delimited in the Schedule to this Act shall for all purposes be and be referred to as a city. Accordingly, references in the Lagos Local Government Act, 1959 (in this Act referred to as “the Act of 1959”)—

(a) to “town” and cognate expressions other than to the town clerk, shall be read as references to “city”; and

(b) to “the Lagos Town Council” shall be read as references to “the Lagos City Council” under which new name the Council shall continue to be a body corporate.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt,—

(a) any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the coming into operation of this Act by or against the town council may thereafter be continued or enforced by or against the city council as it might have been against the town council if this Act had not been passed;

(b) in any enactment referring to Lagos as a town or township, the reference shall be construed as a reference to Lagos as a city save where necessary otherwise to give effect to the application of any of the Acts as applied with modifications in the Fifth Schedule to the Act of 1959;

(c) in the application of the Dogs Act to the city of Lagos, the provisions of that Act as published in the 1958 edition of the Laws of the Federation and Lagos shall without modification have effect instead of those in the Dogs Ordinance as applied in the Sixth Schedule to the Act of 1959.
2. Subject to the provisions of this Act nothing herein shall be construed to affect adversely any office in existence under the Act of 1959, and any such office accordingly shall continue in being; and the respective terms of office of the president, chairman, traditional members and councillors and of persons appointed to any office shall have effect as if this Act had not been passed.

3. Property of any description vested by any means in the Lagos Town Council shall, without further assurance than this section, vest in the Lagos City Council; and registration in any proper case may be effected without payment of any fee.

4.—(1) This Act may be cited as the City of Lagos Act, 1963, and this Act and the Act of 1959 may be cited together as the Lagos Local Government Acts, 1959 and 1963.

(2) This Act shall apply to the Federal territory and shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1963.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 1(1)

The limits of Lagos referred to in section three of the Act of 1959 are as shown on a plan marked No. L.3002, signed by the Governor of the Western Region on the 6th day of December, 1949, and deposited in the office of the Director of Federal Surveys at Lagos and more particularly described in Order in Council No. 7 of 1933, made under the Lagos Local Government Law 1953 of the Western Region (which Law under the authority of section 55 of the Lagos Local Government (Amendment) Ordinance 1959 is now published and known as the Lagos Local Government Act, 1959).