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A BILL ENTITLED

The Council of Legal Education (Amendment) Act, 2021

Short title

Being an Act to amend the Council of Legal Education Act, 1989, to provide for representation of Njala University and the University of Makeni in the Council of Legal Education, to provide for the inclusion of the establishment and maintenance of Njala University Law School and the University of Makeni Law School as part of the duties and functions of the Council, to provide for the appointment of Board of Directors, lecturers and other staff of the Njala University Law School and the University of Makeni Law School and to provide for other related matters.

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Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

## PART I—PRELIMINARY

Amendment of  
Section 4  
of Act No. 1  
of 1989

1. Section 4 of the Council of Legal Education Act, 1989 is amended by the repeal and replacement of subsection (1) with the following new subsection-

"(1) The Council shall consist of -

- (a) The Honourable the Chief Justice who shall be Chairman;
- (b) The Honourable Attorney-General and Minister of Justice or his representative;
- (c) The Honourable Minister of Education or his representative;
- (d) The Chancellor of the University of Sierra Leone, the Chancellor of Njala University and the Chancellor of the University of Makeni or their representative;
- (e) The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Fourah Bay College, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Njala University and the Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Makeni or their representative;
- (f) One Justice or Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature to be nominated by the Chief Justice;

- (g) 2 legal practitioners of the Sierra Leone Bar Association of not less than 10 years standing, nominated by the Sierra Leone Bar Association;
- (h) The Director, the Sierra Leone Law School, the Director, Njala University Law School and the Director, University of Makeni Law School;
- (i) A representative of the Employers Federation;
- (j) A member appointed by the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice in consultation with the Chief Justice."

2 Section 6 of the Council of Legal Education Act, 1989 is amended by the repeal and replacement of subsection (a & b) with the following new subsection-

Amendment  
of Section 6  
of Act No. 1  
of 1989.

"(1) The Council shall -

- (a) establish and maintain a School of Law to be known as the Sierra Leone Law School, Njala University Law School and University of Makeni Law School;
- (b) appoint a Board, Director, Lecturers, academic and other staff of the Sierra Leone Law School, Njala University and University of Makeni Law Schools."

## MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of the Bill is to amend the Council of Legal Education Act, 1989 to provide for representation of Njala University and the University of Makeni in the Council of Legal Education, to provide for the inclusion of the establishment and maintenance of Njala University Law School and the University of Makeni Law School as part of the duties and functions of the Council, to provide for the appointment of Board of Directors, lecturers and other staff of the Njala University Law School and the University of Makeni Law School and to provide for other related matters.

MADE this    day of    , 2021.

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