

CHAPTER I1 - ILLITERATES PROTECTION LAW

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ILLITERATES PROTECTION

A Law to provide for the protection of illiterate persons.

[NN 1963, Cap 51. No. 4 of 2006.]

[Date of commencement: Part I—15th December, 1915]

[Date of commencement: Part II—25th March, 1920]

1. Short title

This Law may be cited as the Illiterates Protection Law.

2. Definition

"State" means the Kwara State of Nigeria.

PART 1

3. Verification of letters written for illiterate person

Any person who shall write any letter or document at the request, on behalf, or in the name

of any illiterate person shall also write on such letter or other document his own name as the writer thereof and his address; and his so doing shall be equivalent to a statement—

(a) that he was instructed to write such letter or document by the person for whom it purports to have been written and that the letter or document fully and correctly represents his instructions; and

(b) if the letter or document purports to be signed with the signature or mark of the illiterate person, that prior to its being so signed it was read over and explained to the illiterate person, and that the signature or mark was made by such person.

4. Penalty

If the writer of any such letter or document shall fail to write thereon his name and address, or if, having done so, any statement which under section 3 is in consequence implied shall be found to be untrue, the writer shall be liable to a fine of ten thousand naira or in default of payment to imprisonment for six months.

[No. 4 of 2006.]

5. Legal practitioners exempt from the provisions of this Law

This Law shall not apply to the writing of any letter or other document written in the course of his business by or at the direction of any person practising as a legal practitioner.

PART II

6. Application

This Law shall apply throughout the State.

7. Definition

A "**writer**" means any person who shall write any letter or document at the request on behalf, or in the name of any illiterate person, except as provided in section 5.

8. Fee to be marked

In addition to the obligation imposed upon him by section 3, every writer shall state in writing on the letter or document, and on each copy thereof—

(a) whether or not any fee or reward has been or is to be charged or taken by him for writing such letter or document; and

(b) the nature or amount of such fee or reward, if any; and

(c) the total number of copies of such letter or document written by him, including the original.

Penalty for omission or false statement: a fine of ten thousand naira or in default of payment imprisonment for six months.

[No. 4 of 2006.]

9. Receipt to be given

Every writer shall give a receipt for the full amount of every fee or reward, whether in money or kind, taken by him for or in connection with the writing of any letter or document.

Penalty: a fine of ten thousand naira or in default of payment imprisonment for six months.

[No. 4 of 2006.]

10. Reward for writing letters

A writer may not charge or take any fee or reward exceeding the rates specified in the Schedule to this Law.

Penalty: a fine of five thousand naira or in default of payment imprisonment for six months.

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For every original letter or document, per hundred words or part thereof
200.00

For the first copy (if any), per hundred words or part thereof
100.00

For second and subsequent copies, per hundred words or part thereof
50.00

or the reasonable equivalent in kind of such sums respectively. For the purposes of such fee or reward no such letter or document shall be deemed to contain more than one thousand words. Such fee or reward shall be deemed to include payment for all reasonable materials and stationery. Any sum charged or taken by way of travelling expenses or lodging allowance shall be subject to the approval of the secretary to the local government of the area.

CHAPTER II

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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

No Subsidiary Legislation