CHAPTER T3 - TRADITIONAL COUNCILS (FUNDING) LAW

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TRADITIONAL COUNCILS (FUNDING) LAW

A Law to provide for the funding of Traditional Councils and other matters connected therewith.

[No. 10 of 2005, No. 4 of 2006.]

[Date of commencement: 10th December, 2000]

1. Short title

This Law may be cited as the Traditional Councils (Funding) Law, 2000.

2. Interpretation

In this Law unless the context otherwise requires—

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftancy Affairs;

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"funds" means the contribution to the Traditional Councils by the Local Governments in the State from Federal Statutory Financial Allocation from the Federal Account to Local

Governments;

"the Governor" means the Executive Governor of Kwara State;

"Ministry of Finance" means the State Ministry of Finance and Economic Development;

"Source" means the Federal Statutory Allocation of finances to the Local Governments;

"the State" means the Kwara State of Nigeria;

"Traditional Councils" means the Traditional Councils of the State.

- 3. Funding of the Traditional Council
- (1) The funding of the Traditional Councils in the State shall be made from Federal Statutory Allocation to the Local Governments and contribution from the State Government.

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(2) An amount representing four percent (4%) of the Federal Statutory Allocation to each Local Government Council in the State shall be contributed from the Joint Local Government Account and paid into the Joint Traditional Councils Account provided for in section 7(1).

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4. Ministry of Finance to ensure contributions from Account

The Ministry of Finance shall ensure the contribution of four percent (4%) of the Federal Statutory Allocation of each Local Government Council and its remittance to the Joint Traditional Councils Account.

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5. Entitlement, disbursement and submission of Statement of Account

- (1) Each Traditional Council shall be entitled to the fund from each Local Government within its area of dominion.
- (2) The Ministry of Local Government and Chieftancy Affairs shall disburse the fund due to each Traditional Council to such Traditional Council's Account.
- (3) Each Traditional Council shall submit to the Commissioner not later than the twenty-eighth day of each month a statement of account for the last preceding month.

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6. Application of funds

The funds shall be applied for the following purposes—

- (i) the payment of salaries and allowances of the Traditional Rulers within the area of dominion of the Traditional Councils;
- (ii) the payment of the salaries and allowances of the staff of the Traditional Councils;
 - (iii) the payment of the aids and other domestic staff of the Traditional Rulers;
 - (iv) the maintenance of Traditional Rulers' palaces and compound; and

(v) all other expenses of Traditional Rulers including maintenance of official vehicles, settlement of medical bills, travelling expenses within Nigeria and office maintenance.

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7. Joint Traditional Councils Account

(1) There shall be operated a Joint Traditional Councils' Account into which the funds contributed from the Federal Statutory Allocation in the Joint Local Government Account of the local Government in the State shall be paid.

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(2) The Joint Traditional Council's Account shall be operated by the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs of the State.

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(3) The signatories to the Traditional Councils Account shall be the Permanent Secretary and the Director of Finance of the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftancy Affairs.

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8. Payment of salaries of Village Heads, Ward Heads and Baales in each local governments) by the Local Government where situated

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Law the Local Government Councils shall pay the salaries and allowances of their Village Heads, Baales and Ward Heads.

9. Regulations

The Governor may make regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

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