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—Part C

The following Bill, which will in due course be presented to Parliament for enactment, is published for general information.

FEDERAL COMMISSIONS (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES) BILL

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for the immunity from civil proceedings of members of the Judicial Service Commission and the Public Service Commission and also for the privilege of the documents of such Commissions.

ABUBAKAR T. BALEWA,
Prime Minister of the Federation

FEDERAL COMMISSIONS (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES)
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FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL PROCEEDINGS OF MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE FEDERATION AND FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF THE DOCUMENTS OF SUCH COMMISSIONS.

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Commence-
ment.

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. No member of a Commission shall be liable to be sued in any court of law for any act done or omitted to be done in the due exercise of his duties as such member.

Protection of
members of
Com-
missions.

2. Any report, statement or other communication or record of any meeting, enquiry or proceedings which a Commission may make in the due exercise of its functions or which any member of a Commission may make in the due performance of his duties shall be privileged in that its production may not be compelled in any legal proceedings if the Attorney-General of the Federation certifies that such production is not in the public interest.

Privilege of
documents.

3. Regulation 17 of the Federal Public Service Commission Regulations is hereby repealed.

Regulation
17 of L.N.
No. 2 of
1955. Vol.
XI, 1958
Laws
repealed.
Interpre-
tation.

4. In this Act,—

“Commission” means the Judicial Service Commission or the Public Service Commission established by the Constitution of the Federation.

5. This Act may be cited as the Federal Commissions (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1963 and shall apply, in so far as it relates to Commissions established by the Constitution of the Federation, throughout the Federation.

Short title
and extent.