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A Law to prohibit unqualified persons from drawing instruments affecting land for reward.

[Amended by Law No. 14 of 2012.]

[Date of commencement: 12th February, 1998]

1. Citation

This Law may be cited as the Land Instruments (Preparation) Law.

2. Application

This Law shall apply to those parts of the State to which it may be applied by application order of the Governor.

3. Interpretation

Definition—

“**instrument**” means any document conferring, transferring, limiting, charging or extinguishing, or purporting to confer, transfer, limit, charge or extinguish any right, title or interest in land, but does not include a will.

4. Person preparing to endorse his name and address on instrument

Every person who shall draw or prepare any instrument shall endorse or cause to be endorsed thereon his name and address.

Penalty: a fine of five hundred naira.

5. Unqualified persons not to draw instrument

No person other than a legal practitioner shall either directly or indirectly in expectation of any fee, gain or reward draw or prepare any instrument.

Penalty: a fine of not less than one thousand naira.

6. Certain agreements void

(1) An agreement entered into after the commencement of this Law to pay a fee or reward to any person, other than a legal practitioner, in consideration of such person drawing or preparing any instrument is void.

(2) *Fee or reward paid under void agreement may be recovered.*—Any person who after the commencement of this Law pays to any person, other than a legal practitioner, any fee or reward for having drawn or prepared or agreed to draw or prepare an instrument may sue for and recover the amount of such fee or reward from the person to whom the same was paid.

7. Saving for instruments drawn by public officers

Nothing in this Law shall apply to any public officer drawing or preparing an instrument in the course of his duty as such.

8. Power to exempt any class of instrument

The Governor may by order exempt from the provisions of this Law any class of instrument specified in such order.

[Section 8 amended by Law No. 14 of 2012.]
