

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**JUDICIARY AMENDMENT
BILL**

(As passed by the National Assembly)

JUSTICE
(Introduced by the Minister of ~~Finance Public Enterprises~~)

BILL

To amend the Judiciary Act, 2015, so as to define the word “construction”; to provide for the Chief Justice, as the Head of the Judiciary, to be responsible for the capital projects of the Office of the Judiciary; to provide for the Chief Justice to consult the Minister responsible for justice for input regarding the construction of courthouses; and to provide for incidental matters.

(Introduced by the Minister of Justice)

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament, and assented to by the President, of the Republic of Namibia, as follows:

Substitution of section 9 of Act No. 11 of 2015

1. The Judiciary Act, 2015 (Act No. 11 of 2015) is amended by the substitution for section 9 of the following section:

“Capital projects of Office

9. (1) For the purposes of this section “construction” includes any alteration of the structure of a courthouse done in such a way that the accessibility, functions or duties of the staff members of the Ministry responsible for justice based at that courthouse, are affected or may be affected.

(2) The [Ministry responsible for the administration of] Chief Justice, as the Head of the Office, is responsible for the capital projects of the Office, except that the [Minister] Chief Justice may [must] consult the [Chief] Minister responsible for [J]justice for input regarding the construction [or renovation] of courthouses [and other buildings that are to be used or are being used by the Office].”.

Short title and commencement

2. This Act is called the Judiciary Amendment Act, 2025 and comes into operation on a date determined by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.
