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## THE ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES (SMALL ESTATES) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 2019

#### MEMORANDUM

The objective of the Administration of Estates (Small Estates) (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill is to—

- (a) revise the monetary jurisdiction of the Magistrates courts to conform to the Magistrates Courts Act; and
- (b) provide for the revocation of a grant of probate or letters of administration for want of jurisdiction.

Key clauses of the Administration of Estates (Small Estates) (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2019

Clause 2 amends the Act by increasing the monetary jurisdiction of the Magistrate Grade I courts from a maximum value of fifty thousand shillings to a maximum value of twenty million shillings and increases the monetary jurisdiction of the Chief Magistrates Courts from a maximum value of one hundred thousand shillings to a maximum value of fifty million shillings.

Clause 2 also amends the Act to provide that probate or letters of administration may be revoked or annulled for want of jurisdiction if it is discovered after the grant is awarded the actual value of the estate is greater than the value declared in the application, unless court is satisfied that the interests of the beneficiaries would be prejudiced by the revocation.

WILLIAM BYARUHANGA, SC Attorney General Bill No. 22

#### A Bill for an Act

#### **ENTITLED**

### THE ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES (SMALL ESTATES) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019

An Act to amend the Administration of Estates (Small Estates) (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. 156, to revise the monetary jurisdiction of the Magistrates courts to conform to the jurisdiction in the Magistrates Courts Act, Cap 16, and to provide for the revocation of a grant of probate or letters of administration for want of jurisdiction.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

#### 1. Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Administration of Estates (Small Estates) (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 2019.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the date of publication in the Gazette.

# 2. Amendment of section 2 of the Administration of Estates (Small Estates) (Special Provisions) Act

The Administration of Estates (Small Estates) (Special Provisions) Act in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended in section 2 by—

(a) repealing subsection (1) (a);

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- (b) substituting for the words "exceeds ten thousand shillings but does not exceed fifty thousand shillings" appearing in subsection (1) (b), the words "does not exceed twenty million shillings";
- substituting for the words "exceeds fifty thousand shillings but does not exceed one hundred thousand shillings" appearing in subsection (1) (c), the words "does not exceed fifty million shillings";
- (d) repealing the word "not" appearing in subsection (5).

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