

**IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FOURTH
PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION ON THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AFRAM PLAINS DISTRICT ASSEMBLY)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2006 L.I. 1826**



1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Local Government (Afram Plains District Assembly) (Amendment) Regulations, 2006 L.I. 1826 was laid before Parliament on Friday, 8th December 2006. The Speaker subsequently referred the Instrument to the Subsidiary Legislation Committee for consideration and report pursuant to Standing Orders 166 of the House.

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee had recourse to the following documents in considering the referral:

- The 1992 Constitution
- The Standing Orders of Parliament
- Local Government Act, 1993 Act (462)

3.0 DELIBERATIONS

In considering the referral, the Committee met with Hon. Stephen Asamoah Boateng, the Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Environment and Mr. Kwabena Agyekum Dankwa a Director from the Ministry as well as the following concerned chiefs from the district: Nana Akuamoah Boateng II, Nana Adu Bonsra, Nana Adu Parko II, Nana Kwame Akum Buahin, and Nana

Danso Ababio II. The Committee is grateful for their presence and input in the deliberations.

4.0 BACKGROUND

Under subsection (1) of Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (Act 462), the Minister shall by Legislative Instrument establish an Assembly for each district, municipality and metropolis and the Assembly shall constitute the highest political authority in the district.

5.0 OBJECT OF THE INSTRUMENT

The object of the Instrument is to change the name of the district from "Afram Plains District Assembly" to "Kwahu North District Assembly".

6.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee observed that the substitution for the name "Afram Plains District Assembly" to "Kwahu North District Assembly" has become necessary in view of the Millennium Challenge Account Project. As a result of the above, constant reference would be made to the Afram Plains Development Area and it is therefore imperative that the District Assembly be distinguished from the Development Area.

The Committee further observed that some paramount chiefs in the district have expressed their discontentment about the change of name. They argued that some parts of the Brong Ahafo and Ashanti paramourcies are within the Afram Plains District Assembly hence, the substitution to Kwahu North District Assembly would not be appropriate. The Minister therefore in effecting the change of name should be cautious to avoid conflict in the District.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

The Committee has examined closely the object and provisions of the Instrument and is of the considered view that they are in conformity with the Constitution, the Parent Act and the procedural requirements specified in Standing Order 166 of Parliament. The Committee therefore recommends that this House allow the Local Government (Afram Plains District Assembly) (Amendment) Regulations, 2006, L.I.1826 to come into force with the efflux ion of time.

Respectfully Submitted



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