



**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

(Made under S.74 of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 171)

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Bill has been examined as required under section 74 of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 171.

I wish to report as follows:

**a) Objectives of the Bill**

The objective of the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2025 seeks to remove outdated provisions from the Magistrates Courts Act, Cap. 19, including sections that previously empowered the Hon. Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to issue a Statutory Instrument, a function now assigned to the Hon. The Chief Justice.

The Bill also proposes to increase the pecuniary jurisdiction of Magistrates' Courts and address related matters, ensuring alignment with the constitutional and statutory provisions governing the courts' monetary and geographical jurisdiction.

The Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Bill also aims to align the Judiciary's structure with current practice by deleting provisions in the Magistrates Courts Act, Cap. 19 that establish Magistrate Grade II Courts, which no longer exist in the Judiciary's framework. It also removes references to their jurisdiction to reflect the updated judicial hierarchy.

**b) Expected Outcomes**

Implementation of the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Bill is anticipated to yield the following outcomes:

- i. Fully aligned Magistrates Act to the Administration of Judiciary Act without the redundant provisions;

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- ii. Increased efficiency of the Judiciary arising from increased pecuniary jurisdiction of the Magistrates' Court;
- iii. Reduced case backlog.

**c) Impact on the economy**

The increased efficiency of the Judiciary is expected to unlock the economic value of the cases that are held up in the system, estimated at **UGX.14.213 Trillion**. This is expected to spur private sector growth and hence Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth.

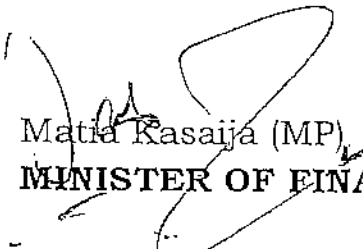
**d) Funding and budgetary implications**

The implementation of the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Bill will be met by Government and will not require extra budgetary resources. The associated financial implications will be managed within the budget of Vote 101- Judiciary (Courts of Judicature).

**e) Expected savings and/or Revenue to the Government**

The implementation of the Bill is not anticipated to directly generate revenue or savings for Government.

Submitted under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

  
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**MINISTER OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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