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**Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1985
regarding amending some Provisions of The Civil and Commercial Procedures law of 1971**

We, Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Emir of the State of Bahrain,

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Emiri Order No. (4) of 1975;

And the Civil and Commercial Procedures Law of 1971 promulgating the Real Estate Registration Law;

And upon the submission of the Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs,

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers;

**Hereby Decree the following Law:**

**Article One**

The text of Article (8) of the Civil and Commercial Proceedings Law of 1971 is amended as follows:

(a) The text of clauses (1) and (6) of Article 8, as amended by Legislative Decree No. (8) of 1978, and Legislative Decree No. (9) of 1980 referred to above, shall be replaced by the following texts:

1- Civil and commercial lawsuits for which the value does not exceed five thousand Bahraini dinars.

6 - Lawsuits of vacating leased property, except if such lawsuits involve legal requests exceeding five thousand Bahraini dinars.

b) Two new clauses numbered 9 and 10 are added to the above-mentioned article (8), as amended by Legislative Decree No. (8) of 1978, which read as follows:

9- Lawsuit requesting a change or correction of the name in official records and official documents.

10- Lawsuit requesting evidence of damage or loss of a real estate ownership document and the submission of other copies thereof.

**Article Two**

The text of Article (13) of the Civil and Commercial Procedures Law of 1971, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 8 of 1978 and Legislative Decree No. 9 of 1980, is replaced by the following text:

The Lower Court is not competent to rule incidental requests if the amount is greater than five thousand Bahraini dinars.

If the court receives such a request, it may only rule on the original lawsuit if it deems itself incompetent, to rule the referral on its own of the original lawsuit and the incidental requests to the High Court,

If a similar request or a lawsuit is presented before the High Court, the judgment will be given at the same time as the original request, even if the amount of the request or lawsuit is less than five thousand Bahraini dinars.

**Article Three**

The High Court shall, on its own initiative, transfer the lawsuits before it to the jurisdiction of the Lower Court in accordance with the provisions of this law, insofar as they are in that situation. If one of the litigants is absent, the order of referral shall be notified to that party, who shall be required to appear before the Lower Court to which the lawsuit has been referred.

The sentence of the previous provision does not apply to absentia lawsuits or lawsuits postponed for judgment, but they remain subject to the previous legal provisions.

**Article Four**

The Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs shall implement this Law, and it shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Emir of the State of Bahrain**

**Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

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