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## REVOCATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROPERTY LAW IN NIGERIA

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### ABSTRACT

Since the enactment of the Land Use Act in 1978, proprietary rights have not received considerably less constitutional protection than those of personal liberty rights, such as freedom of speech and free exercise of religion, which receive preferential treatment through strict judicial scrutiny of restrictive governmental action. When regulations of property are challenged under the constitution, courts generally refer to legislatures, finding such compulsory expropriation of land as proper except where it could be established that such revocation power was injudiciously exercised. This article examines the exercise of the revocation power of Governor under the Land Use Act, 1978 which is the principal statute regulating land management in Nigeria.

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