NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN LANGUAGES ACT (REPEAL AND RE-ENACTMENT) BILL, 2017 ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Cause:

20.

21.

PART I -	ESTABLISHMENT	OF	NATIONAL	INSTITUTE	FOR	NIGERIAN

	Languages
	Establishment of National Institute for Nigerian Languages
2.	Objectives of the Institute
3.	Establishment and composition of the Governing Council
4.	Functions of the Institute.
5.	Chancellor to take precedence before other members
6.	Establishment and membership of the Council
7.	Council and Other Committees of the Institute
8.	Functions of the Senate
9.	Executive Director to take precedence in the absence of Chancellor
	PART II - STATUTES OF THE INSTITUTE
10.	Statute of the Institute
11.	Power to make and approve Statutes
12.	Proof of Statute in court
13.	Visitors decision in the case of dispute
	PART III - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE
14.	Supervision and discipline
15.	Removal of member
16.	Grounds and procedure for removal of members
17.	Removal of examiner
18.	Disciplinary action on students
	PART IV - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS
19.	Discrimination

Application of the Land Use Act

Consent of Visitor in Land deals

- 22. Quorum
- 23. Committees
- 24. Seal of the Institute
- 25. Proposal and recommendation
- 26. Pre-action Notice
- 27. Repeal
- 28. Savings and transitional provisions
- 29. Interpretations
- 30. citation

FIRST SCHEDULE

SECOND SCHEDULE

ABILL

FOR

ANACT TO REPEAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN LANGUAGES ACT
AP. N50 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and establish
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN LANGUAGES, TO ENSURE THAT THE
EGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE INSTITUTE CONFORMS WITH THE REGULATIONS
OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE
INSTITUTE TO CONTINUE TO RUN DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND FOR RELATED
MATTERS

	OF TATIONAL CHIVERSTILES COMMISSION IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE			
	INSTITUTE TO CONTINUE TO RUN DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND FOR RELATED			
	MATTERS			
	Sponsored by Hon. Solomon Adealu			
	[1	Commencemen		
	ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of			
	Nigeria as follows-			
1	PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN			
2	Languages And Its Governing Council			
3	1(1) There is established, a body to be known as the National	Establishment o National Institu		
4	Institute for Nigerian Languages (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute").			
5	(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual	Languages t		
6	succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate			
7	name.			
8 -	(3)The Institute may acquire, hold and dispose of movable and			
9	immovable property for the purpose of its functions.			
10	2. The objects of the Institute shall be to-	Objectives of the Institute		
11	(a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all	the institute		
12	persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the	:		
13	opportunity of acquiring higher and liberal education;			
14	(b) provide courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit	÷		
15	of learning in all its branches, and to make those facilities available on			

proper terms to such persons as are equipped to benefit from them;

	1	(c) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in
	2	restricted fields of learning and human endeavour;
	3	(d) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of the
	4	people of Nigeria; and
	5	(e) undertake other activities appropriate for the highest standard of
	6	an Institute.
Establishment	7	3(1) There is established a Governing Council for the Institute (in
of the Governing	8	this Bill referred to as "the Council"), which Council shall consist of-
nd Composition	9	(a) Chancellor;
	10	(b) Pro-Chancellor;
	11	(c) Executive Director;
	12	(d) two Deputy Executive Director;
•	13	(e) a body to be called Congregation;
	14	(f) a body to be called Convocation;
	15	(g) the campuses and colleges of the Institute;
	16	(h) the faculties, schools, and other teaching and research units of the
	17	Institute;
	18	(i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to
	19	this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this sub-clause;
	20	(j) all graduates and undergraduates;
	21	(k) a representative of National Universities Commission, not below
	22	directorate grade; and
	23	(I) all other persons who are members of the Institute in accordance
	24	with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.
÷	25	(2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the
	26	Principal Officers of the Institute mentioned (therein).
	27	(3) A provision shall be made by a Statute with respect to the
	28	constitution of the following bodies-
	29	(a) the Council;
1	30	(b) the Senate;

Functions of the Senate

30

1		PROVIDED that if after 28 days of the receipt or delivering to him
2		of such request, the Chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the
3		Registrar shall, within 14 days thereof, cause a meeting of the Council to be
4		convened for that purpose and the request shall specify the business to be
5		considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be
6		transacted at that meeting.
7		8(1) Subject to Clause 5 of this Bill and sub-clauses (3) and (4) of
8		this Clause and to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be
9		the general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the
10		Institute, admission to Post-graduate courses and other admission of
11	4	students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the
12	·	Institute.
13		(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of
14		subsection (I) of this section, it shall in particular be the function of the
15		Senate to make provision for the-
16		(a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,
17		faculties, departments, schools, Institutes and other teaching and research
18		units of the Institute, and the allocation of responsibility for different
19		branches of learning;
20		(b) organization and control of courses of study in the Institute and
21		of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the
22		appointment of examiners, both internal and external;
23		(c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be
24		prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the Institute;
25		(d) making of recommendations to "the 'Council with respect to
26		the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the
27		title of professor emeritus;
28		(e) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence
.29		and similar institutions in the Institute;

(f) supervision of the welfare of students in the Institute and the

1	regulation of their conduct;
2	(g)granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in
3	so far as the awards are within the control of the Institute; and
4	(h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic dress
5	for the purposes of the Institute, and regulating the use of academic dress.
6	(3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, faculty,
7	department, school, institute or other teaching and research units of the
8	Institute, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the Institute without
9	the approval of the Council.
10	(4) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Senate may make
11	regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by
12	the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter for
13	which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Act or by
14	Statute.
15	(5) The Senate shall, by regulation, provide that at least one of the
16	persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held
17	in conjunction with any course of study in the Institute is not a teacher at the
18	Institute but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates in
19	some other Institute of high repute.
20	(6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the
21	Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree,
22	$diploma\ or\ other\ award\ of\ the\ Institute\ which\ has\ been\ conferred\ on\ him\ if\ after$
23	due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of any dishonorable or scandalous
24	conduct in gaining admission into the Institute or obtaining that award.
25	9(1) The Executive Director shall, in relation to the Institute, take
26	$precedence\ before\ all\ other\ members\ of\ the\ Institute\ except\ the\ Chancellor\ and,$
27	subject to section 5 of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the
28	time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Executive Director shall

have general function, in addition to any other function conferred on him by

Executive Director to take precedence in the absence of Chancellor

29

1		this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the Institute, and shall, to	•
2		the exclusion of any other person or authority, be the chief executive and	
3		academic officer of the Institute and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate.	
4		PART II - STATUTES OF THE INSTITUTE	
5	•	10(1) Subject to this Bill, the Institute may make Statutes for any	Statutes of the Institute
6		of the following purposes-	. 5
7		(a) making provision with respect to the composition and	
8		constitution of any authority of the Institute;	
9		(b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any	
10		authority of the Institute, and regulating any other matter connected with the	
11		Institute or any of its authorities;	7 1
12	1 1	(c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the	
13		· Institute, and their discipline and welfare,	* **
14		(d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an	
15,		academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any	
16	-	Statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; and	- 10
17 17		(e) making provision for other matters for which provision by	
18		Statute is authorized or required by this Bill.	\$ 99.5°
19		(2) Subject to section 25 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall	•
20	•	apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a	
21		subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 27(1) of that Act.	
22		(3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be	
23		deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall	•
24	-	be deemed to have been made under this section by the Institute.	
25		The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced	Second Schedule
26	•;	or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in	• .
27		or from the Statute contained in the Second Schedule to this Bill.	
28		11(1) The power of the Institute to make Statutes shall be	Power to make
29		exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.	and approve Statutes
30	ď,	(2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has	

	1	been approved at a meeting of the-
	2	(a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members
	. 3	present and voting; and
•	4	(b) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members
	5	present and voting.
÷ *	6	(3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or Council,
	7	and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by both
	8	bodies in no particular order.
	7. 9 - 1	(4) A Statute which-
	10	(a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the
	11	Council, the Senate or any other authority of the Institute; or
	12	(b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for
	13	the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is
	14	established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the
	15	Visitor.
	16	(5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, Statute
	17	shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the
	18	Council and the Senate in accordance with subsection (3) of this section or in
	19	the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on
	20	which it is approved by the President.
roof of Statute	21	12. A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy
Court	22	thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Executive
	23	Director or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of
:	24	that Institute.
isitor's decision	25	13(1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the
case of dispute	26	meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor,
	27	who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he deems
	28	fit.
	29	(2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this
	30	section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the Institute
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

30

accept the same for a particular purpose, unless it approves the terms and

1 conditions attaching thereto; 2 (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly 3 with any other person, and employ and act through agents; (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture 5 halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other 6 buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the Institute; 7 (l) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and book 8 9 selling; 10 (m) subject to any limitation or condition imposed by Statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the Institute by law of endorsement, whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be 12 immediately required for current expenditure, in any investment or security or 13 in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary 14 any such investment and to deposit any money for the time being un-invested 15 16 with any bank on deposit or current account; (n) borrow, whether on interest or not, and in feed be, upon the 17 security of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the Institute, 18 such moneys as the Council may, from time to time in its discretion, find 19 20 necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advance or credit 21 facility; 22 (o) make gifts for any charitable purpose; 23 (p) do anything which it is authorized or required by this Act or by any other Statute to do; and (q) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental 24 25 to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the Institute. 26 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes made there 27 under and without prejudice to Clause 9 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred 28 on the Institute by sub-clause (1) of this Clause shall be exercisable on behalf of 29 the Institute by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which may

30

be authorized by this Bill.

30

Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the

Ĺ

2

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15 16

17 18

- directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
 - (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the Institute are kept and the accounts of the Institute are audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation, and that an annual report is published by the Institute together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflicts with any direction given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.
- 20 (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and 21 General Purposes Committee and of any other Committee set up by the 22 Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at 23 such rates as may from time to time be fixed by extant government 24 circulars.
- 25 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the 26 performance of its functions under this Act, and shall meet at least four times 27 every year.
- 28 (9) If required in writing by five members of the Council, the 29 Chairman shall within, 28 days after the receipt of such request, call a meeting 30 of the Council:

30 1

and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in Nigeria:

PROVIDED that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a Statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution.

(3) The provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this Bill, an academic or non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and accordingly the reference in subsection (2) of this section to any question as to the meaning of any provision of the Statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or Proof of Statute in court Visitor's decision in case of dispute in academic or non-academic matter.

PART III - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

14.-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the Institute.

Supervision and discipline

- (2) The Visitor shall, as often as the circumstances may require not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the Institute or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the Institute.
 - (3) The bodies and persons comprising the Institute Shall-
- (a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of the visitation, and
- (b) give effect to any instruction consistent with the provisions of this Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation.

Removal	of
membere	

- 15.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member (other than Pro-Ţ 2 Chancellor or the Executive Director) should be removed from office on 3 grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the 4 Federal Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council, after making 5 6 such enquiries (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves the 7 recommendation, it may direct the removal of the member from office. 8
 - (2) The Minister shall use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of this section to be

10 served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

Grounds and procedure for removal of members

9

11

12

13

14 15

17

18

21 22

23

24 25

26

27

28

- 16.-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the Institute, other than the Executive Director, should be removed from office or on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office Council shall-
- 16 (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question:
 - (b) afford such person an opportunity of making representation on the matter to the Council; and
- 19 (c) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the 20 appointment.
 - (2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so request within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of the Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for-
 - (a) a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to review the matter and to report on it to the Council;
 - (b) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear before and be heard by an investigating committee with respect to the matter; and if the Council after considering the report of the investigating committee is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Council may so

- (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
- (b) reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;

29

30

(c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which

case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments i withheld during the period of suspension; and (d) take such lesser disciplinary 2 action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his 3 emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may 4 5 determine. 6 (6) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the 7 8 person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from such 9 decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning such a 10 person. (7) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in 11 12 pursuance of subsection (I) of this section shall use his best endeavors' to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the 13 14 person to whom it relates. 15 (8) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Council from making 16 regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of the Institute as may be 17 appropriate. 18 17.-(1) If, on the recommendation of the Executive Director or, it 19 Examiner appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any 20 examination of the Institute ought to be removed from his office or 21 appointment, then, the Senate may, after affording the examiner an opportunity 22 of making representations in person on the matter, direct the Executive 23 Director to remove the examiner by an instrument in writing signed by the 24 Registrar. 25 (2) Subject to the provisions of any regulation made under this Bill, 26 the Executive Director may, on the recommendation of Senate, appoint an 27 appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed. 28 (3) The Registrar shall on signing an instrument of removal under this 29 section, use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as

soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

Removal of examiner

Disciplinary	
action of students	5

18(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to				
the Executive Director that any student is guilty of misconduct, the				
Executive Director may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers				
conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the-				

- (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Institute or make use of such facilities of the Institute as may be so specified;
- (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
- (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) student be expelled from the Institute.
- (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal against the direction to the Senate.
- (3) Where an appeal is brought under subsection (2) of this section, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Senate thinks fit.
- (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought under subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (5) The Executive Director may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the Institute as he may nominate.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Institute for conduct which in the opinion of the Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the Institute

1	written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor:	
2	PROVIDED that such consent shall not be required in the case of	
3	any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years of any	
4	lease or tenancy to a member of the Institute for residential purpose.	
5	22. Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or by Q	uorum
6	regulation, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by	
7	this Act shall be such as may be determined by that body.	
8	23(1) Anybody of persons established by this Act shall, without Co	ommittees
9	prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint	
10	committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body	
11	and authorize a committee established by it to-	
12	(a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine,	
13	and	
14	(b) co-opt members and direct whether or not coopted members	
15	shall be entitled to vote in that committee.	
16	(2) Any two or more of such bodies may arrange for holding of	
17	joint meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of Committees	
18	consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any	
19	matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them and either	
20	dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.	
21	(3) Except as may be otherwise provided by a Statute or regulation,	
22	the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held	
23	pursuant to this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or	
24	bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.	
25	(4) The Pro-Chancellor and the Executive Director shall be	
26	members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly	
27	appointed by the Council, other than a committee appointed to inquire into	
28	the conduct of the officer in question, and the Executive Director shall be a	
29	member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly	

appointed by the Senate.

	1	(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as enabling-
	2	(a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 or
	3	this Bill; or
	4	(b) the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations to
	5	award degrees or other qualifications.
Scal of the	6	24(1) The seal of the Institute shall be such as may be determined by
Institute	7	the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing of the seal shall-
	8	(a) in the case of certificates issued by the Institute, be authenticated
	9	by the Executive Director and the Registrar; and
	10	(b) in the case of any other document, be authenticated by any
	11	member of Council, the Executive Director and the Registrar or any other
	12	person authorized by Statute.
	13	(2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the
	14	scal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary
	15	is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
	16	(3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
	17	not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be
	18	made or executed on behalf of the Institute by any person generally or specially
	19	authorized to do so by the Council without seal.
	20	(4) The validity of the proceedings of anybody established pursuant to
	21	this Bill shall not be affected by-
	22	(a) any vacancy in the membership of the body;
	23	(b) any defect with appointment of a member of the body; or
	24	(c) by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the
	25	proceedings.
	26	(5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any
	27	matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his interest to the
,	28	body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.
Cap. 1123, 2004	29	(6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act, which provides for
	30	the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental

1	provisions, shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made under this Bill.	
2	(7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make Statutes	•
3	or Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any-	
4	(a) Statute, including the Statute contained in the Second Schedule	
5	to this Bill,; or	
6	(b) Regulation by a subsequent Statute or Regulation as the case	
7	may be,	
8	provided that the Statutes and Regulations may have different provisions in	
9	relation to different circumstances.	
10	(8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any	
11	transfer of property to the Institute by virtue of sections 10, 21, and the	
12	Second Schedule to this Bill.	
13	(9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue	
14	of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by	
15	post.	
16 .	25. Where in any provisions of this Bill, it is laid down that	Proposal and
17	proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one	recommendati
18	authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, every	
19	such intermediate authority shall forward any proposal or recommendation	
20	received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate authority; but any	
21	such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own	
22	comments thereon.	
23	26. A person who has a cause of action against the Institute shall-	Pre-action Notice
24	(a) give the Institute three months notice, in writing, of intention to	
25	commence an action, disclosing the cause of action and served the processes	
26	to the principal office of the Institute; and	
27	(b) commence the legal action within two years from the date the	
28	cause of action arose.	
29	27. The National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act Cap. N50	Repeal
30	Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 is repealed.	

Savings and
transitional
provisions

- 28.-(1) All assets, rights, liabilities, interests, and obligations vested in the
- 2 National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act Cap N50 Laws of the Federation
- 3 of Nigeria 2004, before the commencement of this Bill, shall after
- 4 commencement of this Bill be vested in the National Institute for Nigerian
- 5 Languages.

1.0

- 6 (2) All staff of National Institute for Nigerian Languages existing
- 7 before the commencement of this Bill shall after commencement of this Bill
- 8 continue to be staff of National Institute for Nigerian Languages in accordance
- 9 with the terms of appointment.

Interpretation t

- 29. In this Bill-
- 11 "Appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority authorized by
- 12 law to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject matter;
- "Campus" means any campus which may be established by the Institute;
- 14 "College" means any college which may be established by the Institute;
- 15 "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- 16 "Government" means the Federal Government of Nigeria: "Graduate" means a
- person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree, has been conferred
- 18 by the Institute to him;
- 19 "Gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behavior that
- 20 may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or regulation made,
- 21 under this Bill;
- 22 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education;
- 23 "Misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of the
- 24 Institute and or discipline and the proper administration of the business of the
- 25 Institute;
- 26 "Officer" does not include the Visitor;
- 27 "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or regulation made under this Bill;
- 28 "Professor" means a person designated as a professor of the Institute in
- 29 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or regulations;
- 30 "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations; "regulations" means

regulations made by the Senate or Council;
"Senate" means the Senate of the Institute established by this Bill;
"Statute" means a Statute made by the Institute under section 11 of this Bill;
"The provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the
Institute by the President;
"Teacher" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of
the teaching or research staff of the Institute; and
"The Institute" means the National Institute for Nigerian Languages.

30. This Bill is cited as National Institute For Nigerian Languages

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Act (Repeal & Re-Enactment) Bill, 2017.

10

This Bill seeks to repeal National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act CAP. N50 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and establish National Institute for Nigerian Languages, to ensure that the legal framework of the Institute conforms to the regulations of National Universities Commission in order to enable the institute to continue to run degree programmes.

1	FIRST SCHEDULE
2	PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE
3	The Chancellor
4	1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by, and hold office at the
5	pleasure of, the President.
6	The Pro-Chancellor
7	2. The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office by
8.	the President.
9:	The Executive Director
10	3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Executive
11	Director shall be in accordance with the provision of the Universities
12	(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.
13	4(1) There shall be for the Institute, two Deputy Executive
14	Directors or such number of Deputy Executive Directors as the Council may,
15	from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the
16 17	Institute. (2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of a Deputy
18	Executive Director shall be in accordance with the provision of the
19	Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.
20	(3) A Deputy Executive Director shall-
21	(a) assist the Executive Director in the performance of his functions
22	under Section 3(2) (b), act in place of the Executive Director when the post of
23	the Executive Director is vacant or if the Executive Director is, for any reason,
24	absent or unable to perform his functions as Executive Director; and
25	(b) perform such other functions as the Executive Director or the
26	Council may, from time to time, assign to him.
27	Office of the Registrar, Bursar and Institute Librarian
28	5(1) There shall be for the Institute, a Registrar, who shall be the
29	Chief Administrative Officer of the Institute and shall be responsible to the
30	Executive Director for the day-today administration of the Institute except as

1	regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with
2	paragraph 6 (2) of this schedule.
3	(2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall, by virtue of
4	that office, be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and
5	Convocation.
6	(3) The Registrar shall hold office for such period and on such
7 .	terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of
8,	appointment.
9.	6(1) There shall be for the Institute, the following Principal
10	Officers in addition to the Registrar-
11 ·	(a) the Bursar; and
.12	(b) the Institute Librarian.
13	(2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Institute
14	and shall be responsible to the Executive Director for the day-to-day
15	administration and control of the financial affairs of the Institute.
16	(3) The Institute Librarian shall be responsible to the Executive
17	Director for the administration of the Institute Library and the co-ordination
18	of all library services in the Institute and its campuses, colleges, faculties
19	schools, departments and institutes and other teaching or research units.
20	(4) The Bursar and the Institute Librarian shall each hold office for
21	such period and on such terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be
22	specified in their letters of appointment.
23	7. There shall be for the Institute, a Director of Works, who shall
24	be responsible to the Executive Director for the administration of the Works
25	Department, and shall be responsible for all works, services and
26	maintenance of Institute facilities.
27	8. There shall be for the Institute, a Director of Health Services
28	who shall be responsible to the Executive Director for the administration o
29	the Health Centre and he shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the Institute

and shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

1	9(1) Any officer mentioned in this Schedule may resign his office
2	in-
3	(a) the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the
4	Visitor;
5	(b) in the case of the Executive Director, by notice to the Council
6	which shall immediately notify the Minister.
7	(2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise
8	than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that
9	office.
10	SECOND SCHEDULE
11	National Institute For Nigerian Languages Statute No.1
12	Articles:
13	1. The Council
14	2. Finance and General Purpose Committee
15	3. The Senate
16	4. The Congregation
17 ,	5. The Convocation
18	6. Organization of Faculties and the Branches thereof
19	7. Faculty Board
20	8. The Dean of the Faculty
21	9. Selection of certain Principal and other key officers
22	10. Creation of Academic Post
23	11. Appointment of Academic Staff
24	12. Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff
25	The Council
26	1(l)Any member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6(e)
27	(f) (g) or (h) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council resign his office.
28	(2)A member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6(e) (f) (g)
29	or (h) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the
30	expiration of a period of four years starting.

(a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the

1	Committee at any meeting at which he is present;
2	(b) the Executive Director and a Deputy Executive Director;
3	(c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two o
4	whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Counci
5	appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among
6	members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and
7	(d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his
8	absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.
9	(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.
10	(3) Subject to any direction given by the Council, the Committee may
11	regulate its own procedure.
.12	The Senate
13	3(1) There shall be a Senate for the Institute consisting of-
14	(a) the Executive Director;
15	(b) the Deputy Executive Directors;
16	(c) all Professors of the Institute;
17	(d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic Units of the
18	Institute;
19	(e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research
20	Institutes of the Institute;
21	(f) the Institute Librarian; and
22	(g) academic members of the Congregation who are not Professors as
23	specified in the Laws of the Institute.
24	(2) The Executive Director shall be the Chairman at all meetings of
25	the Senate when he is present and, in his absence, one of the Deputy Executive
26	Directors appointed by him shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
27	(3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter, or the nearest
28	whole number less than one quarter, and subject to paragraph (2), the Senate
29	may regulate its own procedure.
30	(4) If so requested in writing by any 10 members of the Senate, the

Institute and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of

. 1	electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or regulations.
2	The Convocation
3	5(1) The Convocation shall consist of-
4	(a) the Officers of the Institute mentioned in the First Schedule to this
5	Bill;
6	(b) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill; and
7	(c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with
8	sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph.
9	(2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member
10	of the convocation if he-
11	(a) is either a graduate of the Institute or a person satisfying such
12	requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
13	(b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner
14	and pays the prescribed fee.
15	(3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance
16	of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to sub-paragraph (3),
17	may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by persons
18	whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the
19	name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
20	(4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without
21	the payment of any fee, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time
2,2	being members of the Convocation by virtue of sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b) of
23	this paragraph are entered and retained in the register.
24	(5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his
25	name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register, or a
26	copy of the register at the principal offices of the Institute at all reasonable
27	times.
8	
9	evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named
0	therein is not, a member of the convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining

- may be prescribed.
- 7.-(1) There shall be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions of the Executive Director, shall-
- (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the faculty;
- (b) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, the Executive Director or the Senate; and (c) advise the Executive Director or Senate on any matter referred to it by the Executive Director or Senate.
 - (2) Each Faculty Board shall consists of-
 - (a) the Executive Director;

16 17

18

19

20

21

22 23

24

25

26 27

28. 29

- (b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;
- (c) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
- (d) such persons whether or not members of the Institute as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.

1	(3) The quorum of the Board shall be 8 members or one-quarter of the
2	members of the Board for the time being, whichever is greater.
3	(4) Subject to the provisions of this Statute and any provision made by
4	regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.
5	The Dean of the Faculty
6	8(1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the Faculty
7	Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years and may be
8	eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he may not be
9	elected again until two years have elapsed.
10	(2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Executive Director shall
11	appoint an acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer for
12	the faculty, who shall act for a period of one year in the first instance, renewable
13	for another one year only.
14	(3) In the absence of the Executive Director, the Dean shall be the
15	Chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall
16	be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty.
17	(4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence over
8 1	the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and shall present to the
19	Convocation for the conferment of Degrees, persons who have qualified for the
20	Degrees of the Institute at examinations held in the branches of learning for
21	which responsibility is allocated to that faculty.
22	(5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of
23	Deans which shall consist of all the Deans of the several faculties and that
24	committee shall advise the Executive Director on all academic matters and on
25	particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.
26	(6) The Dean of a faculty may be removed from office for a good
27	cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of
28	the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of the
29	Dean, an Billing Dean may be appointed by the Executive Director provided
80	that at the next faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.

1	(7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section
2	17 (4) of this Bill.
3	Selection of certain Principal and other key Officers
4	9(1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar,
5	the Institute Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a
6	Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of-
7	(a) the Pro-Chancellor;
8	(b) the Executive Director;
9	(c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of
10	Senate; and
11	(d) two members appointed by the Senate not being members of
12	Council.
13-	(2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,
14	shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant
15	office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board, the Council
16	may make an appointment to that office.
17	(3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or
18-	Director of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such
19	terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
20	Creation of Academic Post
21	10. Recommendation for the creation of posts other than those
22	mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule shall be made by the Senate to the
23	Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
24	Appointment of Academic Staff
25	11. Subject to this Bill and the Statute made under it, the filling of
26 .	vacancies in academic posts, including newly created ones, shall be as
27	prescribed from time to time by Statute.
28	Appointment of Technical Staff Administrative and Technical Staff
29	12(1) The administrative and technical staff of the Institute, other
30	than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule, shall be appointed by

- 1 the Councilor on its behalf by the Executive Director or the Registrar in
- 2 accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf.
- 3 (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and
- 4 important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation
- 5 in the process of selection.