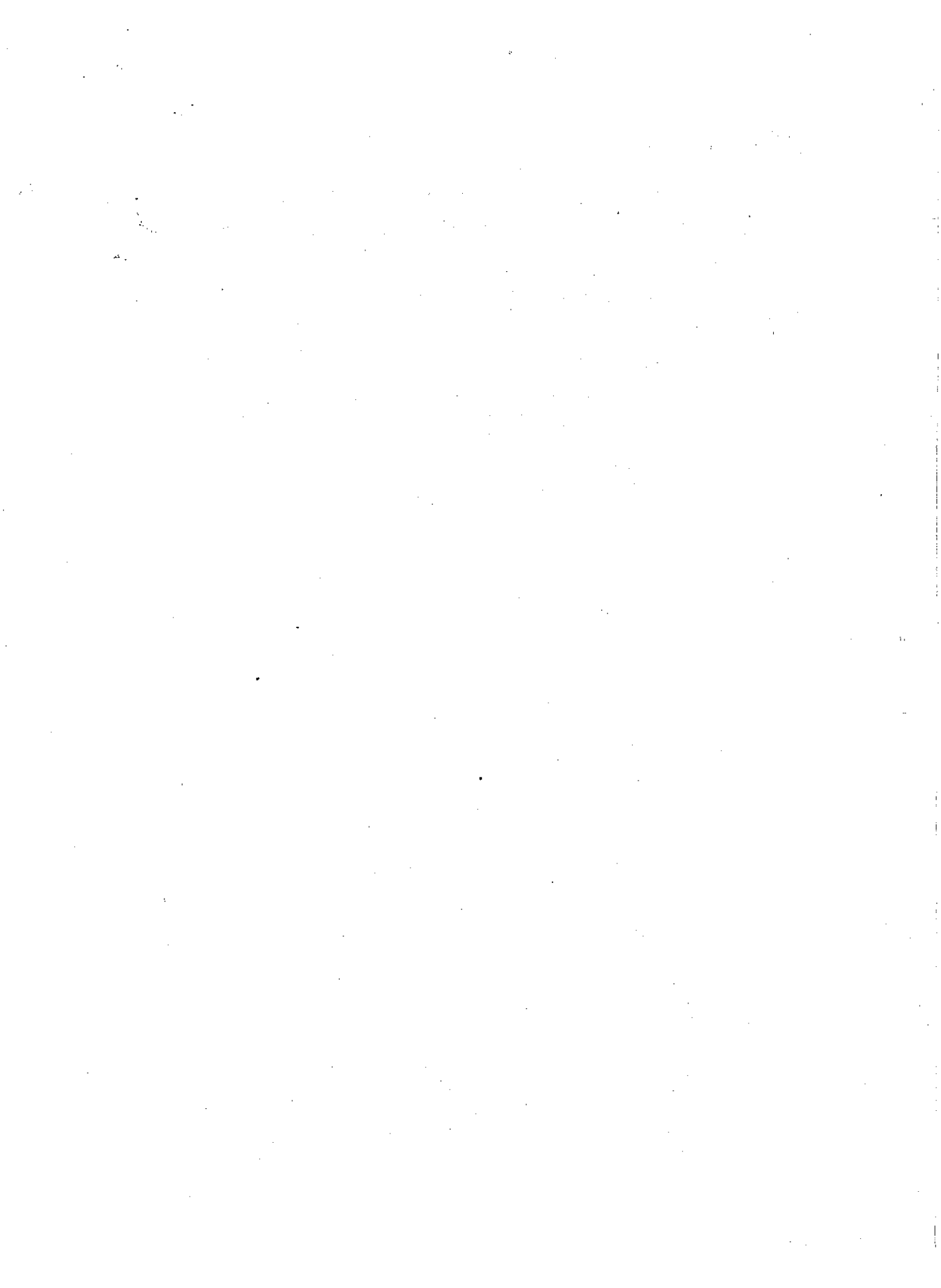


NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

*Clause:*

1. Amendment of Cap. N139, LFN, 2004
2. Amendment of section 5(a)
3. Amendment of section 11
4. Insertion of a new section 20A
5. Amendment of Article 7(1) of the Third Schedule
6. Citation



# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY ACT CAP. N139, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ACTION NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Anayo Nnebe*

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

- 1           1. The Nnamdi Azikiwe University Act Cap. N139, Laws of the  
2 Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is  
3 amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of  
Cap. N139, LFN,  
2004
- 4           2. Section 5(a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after  
5 the word, "Pro-Chancellor", the words, " who shall possess a minimum of a  
6 university degree or its equivalent with cognate experience, integrity,  
7 vibrancy and must be healthy and fit to perform the function of a chairman." Amendment of  
Section 5(a)
- 8           3. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new  
9 sub section "(2A)"- Amendment of  
Section 11
- 10           "(2A) The University shall make Intellectual Property Governance  
11 Codes that comply with international best practice to regulate the ownership  
12 of intellectual property within the university".
- 13           4. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section "20A"- Insertion of a  
new Section 20A
- 14           "20A. Pre-Action Notice:
- 15           (1) An aggrieved staff or student shall not commence a suit in Court  
16 against the University except the staff or student gives the University one  
17 month written notice of intention to commence the suit.
- 18           (2) The written notice of under subsection (1) of this section shall

1 be served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice  
2 shall explicitly state the:

3 (a) cause of action;

4 (b) particulars of claim or the grievance sought to be redressed;

5 (c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff;

6 and

7 (d) relief which the intending plaintiff claims.

8 (3) The written notice under subsection (1) of this section and any  
9 summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the  
10 University under this Act or any other law shall be addressed to the Vice-  
11 Chancellor of the University and may be served by delivering same to the Vice-  
12 Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or any other Principal Officer of the  
13 University or by sending it by registered post, electronic mail or any other  
14 legally recognized digital form of communication in Nigeria."

Amendment of  
Article 7(1) of  
the Third Schedule

15 5. Article 7(1) of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended  
16 by deleting the words, "until four years have elapsed" in line 3, and inserting  
17 the word, "again".

Citation

18 6. This Bill may be cited as the Nnamdi Azikiwe University  
19 (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Act Cap. N139 by specifying the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and providing for pre-action notice to the University authority from an aggrieved staff or student.