A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION ACT CAP.

N118 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE A

PROCEDURE RESIGNATION AND FOR FILLING THE VACANCY IN THE

MEMBERSHIPOF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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	ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of	
	Nigeria-	
1	1. The Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act Cap. N118 Laws of	Amendment
2	the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act")	Cap. N1181 2004
3	is amended as set out in this Bill.	
4	2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended-	Amendment
5	(a) in subsection (2), by-	Section 2
6	(i) inserting, after the word, "appearing to", in line 2, the words,	
7	"the Senate of", and	
8	(ii) substituting for the word, "twelve", in paragraph (b), the word,	
9	"fifteen";	
10	(b) by inserting, after subsection (4), new subsections "(4A)" -	
11	-"(4B)"-	
12	"(4A) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the	
13	Commission, the President shall appoint from the geo-graphical zone of the	
14	predecessor member to hold office for the remaining terms of the	
15	predecessor.	
16	"(4B) A member of the Commission may, at any time, resign his	
17	appointment by letter in writing addressed to the President"; and	•
18	(c) in subsection (5), by substituting for-	

	1 (i) the words, "National Assembly" in line 1, the word, President", and
	2 (ii) the word, "misbehaviour in line 1, the word, "misconduct".
Amendment of Section 5	3. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended-
	4 (a) in subsection (1), by inserting after the word, "review" in line 2, the 5 words, "through research";
•	6 (b) in subsection (2) (b) by inserting, after-
	7 (i) the word, "may", in line 1, the words, "conduct research",
	8 (ii) paragraph (e), new paragraphs "(f)" - "(g)" -
In December 2018 See J	9 (f) shall receive and consider any proposal for the reform of the law
	10. which may be made or referred to it by the National Assembly; and
	(g) may include in any programme of the Commission any proposal
en de la companya de La companya de la companya de	12. relating to its functions received from any authority, body or person.
	(c) by substituting for subsection (6), a new subsection "(6)"-
	14 "(6). Where the Attorney-General refers a programme to the
e Telephologia	15 Commission, or the Commission initiates a programme, the Attorney-General
	16. shall within 3 months from the date of receipt of the Commission's report and
	17 proposal for reform, lay before the Federal Executive Council any programme
	18 prepared by the Commission and any proposal for reform formulated by the
	19 Commission pursuant to such programme:
	20 Provided that where the programme is initiated by the Commission, if
	21 after 3 months from the date of receipt of the Commission's report and
	22 proposals for reform, such report is not laid before the Federal Executive
	23 Councils, the Commission may forward to the National Assembly such report
	24 and proposals for reform
Amendment of	4. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
Section 8	26 subsection (3), a new subsection "(3)"-
	27 "(3) The remuneration, tenure and condition of service of the
	28 employees of the Commission shall be as those applicable to staff in the
	Nigerian Universities or otherwise as may be determined, from time to time, by
	30 the Federal Government."

1.	5. Section 9 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, after	Amendment of
2	the word, "post", in line 4, the words, "in the Nigerian Universities".	Section 9 (1)
3	6. Insert, after section 9 of the Principal Act, a new section "9A"-	Insertion of Section 9
4	"Establishment of Zonal offices:	
5	9A The Commission may establishment and maintain such number	
6	of zonal offices as the Commission may deem necessary".	
7 8	7. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended (a) by inserting, in alphabetical order, the following new	Amendment of Section 14
9	definitions-	
10	Federal laws" means all laws within made by the National Assembly within	
11	the legislative competence of the National Assembly of the Federation and	
12	includes all received law and rules of law in force in the Federation and	
13	having effect as if enacted by the National Assembly and all procedural laws	
14	and all subsidiary instruments made under or pursuant to any such law; and	e de la Carlo
15	"State laws" includes any law which is not a Federal law.	
16	(b) in the definition of "high judicial officer", by substituting for	
17	the words, "Judge of a High Court", in line 1, the words, "Justice of the Court	-
18	of Appeal".	
19	8. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Law Reform Commission	Citation
20	(Amendment) Bill, 2017.	
	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM	
•	This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act Cap.	•
	N118 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide a procedure	•

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act Cap. N118 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide a procedure resignation and for filling the vacancy in the membership of the Commission.

