

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN TELEVISION AUTHORITY ACT CAP. N136
LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Odeunmi Olusegun Dokun

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Nigerian television Authority Act Cap. N136 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. N136 LFN,
2004
- 4 2. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended- Amendment of
Section 1
 - 5 (a) in subsection (1), by-
 - 6 (i) deleting after the word "is" in line 1, the word, "hereby",
 - 7 (ii) deleting after the word, "established" in line 1, the words, "a
8 body to be known as"; and
 - 9 (b) in subsection (2) by substituting for the word, "authority" in
10 line 2, the word, "the Authority".
- 11 3. Section 2 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after Amendment of
Section 2 (1) i
12 paragraph (f), a new paragraph "(g)"-
13 "(g) the Secretary of the Authority who shall be the Secretary of
14 the Board."
- 15 4. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended- Amendment of
Section 3
 - 16 (a) in subsection (1)-
 - 17 (i) by substituting for the word, "shall" in line 1, the word, "term",
 - 18 (ii) by substituting for the word, "shall" in line 2, the word, "may",
 - 19 (iii) by substituting for the word, "period" in line 2, the word,
20 "term",

1 (iv) by inserting after the word, "years" in line 3, the words, "and no
2 more";

3 (b) in subsection (2), by substituting for the words, "not being a public
4 officer" in line 1, the words, "other than ex-officio members"; and

5 (c) in subsection (3)-

6 (i) by substituting for the words, "not being public officer" in line 1,
7 the words, "other than ex-officio members, and

8 (ii) by substituting for the word, "President" in line 2, the words,
9 "Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission".

10 5. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended-

11 (a) in subsection (1), by substituting for the words, "declare in writing
12 the office of that member vacant" in line 4, the words, "terminate his
13 appointment"; and

14 (b) in subsection (2)(b)-

15 (i) by substituting for the word, "Authority" in line 3, the word,
16 "Minister",

17 (ii) by substituting for the word, "Minister" in line 3, the word,
18 "president",

19 (iii) by deleting after the word, "removed" in line 3, the words, "and
20 the Minister may declare in writing, the office of that member vacant".

Amendment of
Section 4

21 6. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended-

22 (a) in subsection (1) by deleting after the words, "shall be" in line 1,
23 the words, "a official of the Authority to be known as";

24 (b) in subsection (2) by deleting before the word, "approval" in line 1,
25 the word, "prior"; and

26 (c) in subsection (5), by substituting for the word, "performance" in
27 line 2, the word, "discharge".

Amendment of
Section 7

28 7. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended-

29 (a) by deleting after the words, "the Authority" in line 1, the words, "it
30 shall be the duty of"; and

1 (b) by substituting for the word, "to" in line 1, the word, "shall".

2 8. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended-

Amendment of
Section 7

3 (a) by deleting after the word, "the" in line 1, the words, "function
4 of the";

5 (b) by deleting the word, "shall" in line 1, the word, "be"; and

6 (c) by deleting the word, "to" at the beginning of paragraphs "(a)" -
7 "(f)".

8 9. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended-

Amendment of
Section 8

9 (a) In such section (1)-

10 (i) By deleting before the word, "programmes" in line 1, the word,
11 "Authority shall satisfy, itself that the", and

12 (ii) By inserting after the word, "behalf" in line 2, the word, "shall";

13 (b) In subsection (1)(b)-

14 (i) by deleting before the word, the programmes" in line 1, the
15 words, "the exclusion in",

16 (ii) by deleting after the word, "broadcast" in line 1, the words,
17 "which seek to",

18 (iii) by substituting for the word, "explain" in line 1, the words,
19 "which seek to",

20 (iv) by deleting after the word, "parties" in line 2, the words, "in
21 accordance with scheme of",

22 (v) by substituting for the word, "which" in line 3, the word,
23 "shall",

24 (vi) by deleting after the word, "parties" in line 4, the words, "in
25 such a manner as appears to the Authority"; and

26 (vii) by deleting after the word, "equitable" in line 4, the words, "to
27 represent their respective claims to the interest of the public; and

28 (c) by substituting for subsection (3), a new subsection "(3)"-

29 "(3) The Authority shall exclude any publication which may be
30 issued by it, or on its behalf for the programmes broadcast by its or on its

1 behalf as to matters referred to in subsection (1) (d) of this section, the opinion
2 of any of its members, officers, directors, or agent.

Amendment of
Section 12

3 10. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended-

4 (a) by substituting for the word, "exercise" in line 2, the word,
5 "performance";

6 (b) by deleting after the word, "and" in line 2, the words, "it shall be the
7 duty of" and

8 (c) by substituting for the word, "to" in line 3, the word, "shall".

Amendment of
Section 13

9 11. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended-

10 (a) in subsection (1) by substituting for the word, "such" in line 2, the
11 word, "district";

12 (b) in subsection (1), by substituting for the word, "not less than" in
13 line 1, the word, "at least".

Amendment of
Section 14 (1)

14 12. Section 14 (1) of the principal Act is amended-

15 (a) by substituting for the word, "period" in line 1, the word, "term";
16 and

17 (b) by substituting for the word, "shall" in line 1, the word, "may".

Amendment of
Section 16

18 13. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by-

19 (a) in subsection (1) deleting after the word, "zone" in line 1, the word,
20 "an officer of the Authority to be known as"; and

21 (b) in subsection (2) (b) by deleting before the word, "be" in line 1, the
22 word, "shall".

Amendment of
Section 17 (2)

23 14. Section 17 (2) of the Principal Act is amended-

24 (a) by deleting after the words, "shall be" in line 1, the words, "an
25 officer of the Authority to be known as"; and

26 (b) by substituting for the words, "in so far as" in line 3, the word,
27 "concerning".

Amendment of
Section 22

28 15. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended-

29 (a) in subsection (1), by substituting for the word, "exercise" in line 2,
30 the word, "performance";

1 (b) in subsection 2-

2 (i) by deleting before the words, "the Authority" in line 1, the
3 words, "subject to the following provisions of this section", and

4 (ii) by substituting for the expression, "N500,000" in line 3, the
5 expression, "N10,000,000".

6 16. Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
7 section 23, a new section "23" -

Amendment of
Section 23

8 17. Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
9 the word, "in pursuance of" in line 1, the word, "under".

Amendment of
Section 24

10 18. Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended-

Amendment of
Section 25

11 (a) in subsection (1) by substituting for the word, "October" in line
12 1; the word, "July";

13 (b) in subsection (3), by deleting after the word "appointed" in line
14 2, the words, "with the approval of the Minister of Finance".

15 19. Section 32 of the principal Act is amended-

Amendment of
Section 32

16 (a) in the heading by substituting for the word, "by-laws", the
17 word, "bye-laws";

18 (b) in subsection (1)-

19 (i) by substituting for the word, "by-laws" in lines 1 and 3, the
20 word, "bye-laws",

21 (ii) by substituting for the word, "servants" in line 2, the word,
22 "staff",

23 (iii) in paragraph (a), by substituting for the word, "employees" in
24 line 1, the word, "staff", and

25 (iv) in paragraph (b), by substituting for the word, "employees" in
26 line 1, the word, "staff"; and

27 (c) in paragraph (b) by substituting for the word, "by-laws" in line
28 1, the word, "bye-laws".

29 20. Section 33 of the Principal Act is amended-

Amendment of
Section 33

1 (a) by substituting for the words, "so however" in line 2, the word,
2 "and";

3 (b) by inserting after the word, "Authority" in line 3, the word,
4 "from";

5 (c) in paragraph (a)-

6 (i) by deleting before the words, "the provisions" in line 1, the word,
7 "from";

8 (ii) by deleting after the word, "to" in line 1, the word, "any",

9 (iii) by substituting for the word, "discharge" in line 3, the word,
10 "performance"; and

11 (d) in paragraph (b) by deleting before the word, "operating" in line 1,
12 the word, "firm".

Amendment of
Section 34

13 **21.** Section 34 of the Principal Act is amended-

14 (a) by deleting after the word, "Act" in line 1, the word, "unless the
15 context otherwise requires";

16 (b) in the definition of the word, "Chairman", by substituting for the
17 words, "pursuant to" in line 1, the word, "under";

18 (c) in the definition of the word, "Director-General" by substituting
19 fro the words, "pursuant to" in line 2, the word, "under"; and

20 (d) in the definition of the words, "Zonal Board" by inserting after the
21 word, "zone" in line, the word, "under section 13 (2)".

Amendment to
paragraph 1

22 **22.** Paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the principal Act is amended by
23 substituting for the word, "made" in line 3, the word, "make".

Amendment to
paragraph 2

24 **23.** Paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by
25 substituting for the words, "their number" in line 2, the word, "them".

Amendment to
paragraph 4

26 **24.** Paragraph 4 of the Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by
27 substituting for the words, "except that he shall not be" in line 3, the word, "but
28 he is".

Amendment to
paragraph 5

29 **25.** Paragraph 5 of the Schedule tot eh Principal Act is amended-

30 (a) in subparagraph (1)-

1 (i) by substituting for the word, "appoint" in line 1, the words, "set
2 up",

3 (ii) by substituting for the word, "thinks" in line 2, the word,
4 "deems"; and

5 (b) in subparagraph (2)-

6 (i) by substituting for the word, "appointed" in line 1, the words,
7 "set up",

8 (ii) by deleting after the word, "under" in line 1, the words, "the
9 foregoing provisions of".

10 26. Paragraph 8 of the Schedule to the principal Act is amended by
11 deleting before the word, "contract" in line 1, the word, "Any".

Amendment to
paragraph 8

12 27. Paragraph 9 of the Schedule to the principal Act is amended by
13 deleting before the word, "document" in line 1, the word, "Any".

Amendment to
paragraph 9

14 28. Paragraph 10 of the Schedule to the principal Act is amended-

Amendment to
paragraph 10

15 (a) by deleting after the word, "Committee" in line 1, the word,
16 "thereof";

17 (b) by inserting after the word, "affected" in line 1, the words, "by
18 any"; and

19 (c) by deleting-

20 (i) at the beginning of subparagraph "(a)" and "(b)" the words, "by
21 any"; and

22 (ii) at the end of subparagraph "(a)" and "(b)", the word, "thereof".

23 29. Paragraph 11 of the Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
24 by deleting-

Amendment to
paragraph 11

25 (a) before the word, "member" in line 1, the word, "Any";

26 (b) after the word, "Committee" in line 1, the word, "thereof";

27 (c) after the word, "Committee" in line 2, the word, "thereof"; and

28 (d) after the word, "shall" in line 2, the word, "forthwith".

29 20. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Television Authority
30 (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Television Authority Act Cap. N136
Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.