A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INTERPRETATION ACT 2004

Sponsored by Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

Amendment of Section II

1. The principal Act is hereby amended III Section II by inserting a new subsection (3) as follows:

"Provided that the power shall only be exercised if the person sought to be appointed is qualified to hold the substantive office".

Amendment of Section II

2. The principal Act is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (4) as follows:

"No law shall enable a person "to act" beyond six months III any single instance".

Amendment of Section 18(1)

3. The principal Act is hereby amended by adding the definition of child after the definition of "act" but before "chief' as follows:

"Child" has the meaning ascribed to it by the Child Rights Act 2003, and adding the definition of youth immediately after "year"

"Youth" means a person who is eighteen years and above but below (50) years.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act amends the Interpretation Act, 2004 by among other things, providing that for any person to be qualified to "act" in any office, the person must be qualified to hold the substantive position and such an acting position cannot be beyond six months, Child and Youth are defined.