

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT 2004. TO PROVIDE FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

Sponsored by Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Armed forces Act 2004 is hereby amended as set out
2 hereunder.

3 2. The Principal Act is hereby amended in section 18 by having a
4 new sub section 1, by inserting "The President shall subject to confirmation
5 by the National Assembly appoint the chief of defence staff from among
6 officers of any of the three services.

Amendment of
Section 18

7 3. Sub section 4 of section 18 is expunged and a new provision
8 inserted thus "the Service Chiefs shall be made within the officer's corps of
9 their respective services".

Amendment of
Section 18(4)

10 4. Sub Sections 1, 2 & 3 of Section 18, shall be the new Sub
11 Sections 2, 3 & 4 accordingly.

Amendment of
Section 18(1,2&3)

12 5. This Bill may be cited as the Armed Forces Act (Amendment)
13 Bill, 2015.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Armed Forces Act 2004 to make provision for
the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff, and for the appointment of
Service Chiefs only within the officer corps of the respective services.