

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT, CAP. A20 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF FEDERAL CHARACTER IN THE APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE CHIEFS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Awaji-Inombek Dagomie Abiante

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 **1.** The Armed Forces Act Cap. A20 Laws of the Federation of
2 Nigeria 2004 (in this bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set
3 out in this Bill. Amendment of
the Principal Act

4 **2.** Section 18 of the Principal Act s amended by inserting a new Amendment of
Section 18
5 sub-section 5 as follows:

6 “5. Without prejudice to the powers of the President under this Act,
7 the President shall observe the principle of Federal Character as enshrined in
8 the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended, when
9 appointing Service Chiefs for the Services that make up the Armed Forces of
10 the Federal Republic of Nigeria”.

11 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Armed Forces Act (Amended) Bill, Citation
12 2018.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Armed Forces Act Cap. A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, by providing that the principle of Federal Character be observed in the appointment of Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of Nigeria.