

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION ACT, LAWS
OF THE FEDERATION, 2004 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THEREIN

Sponsored by Hon. Abiodun Dada Awoleye

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The National Population Commission Act, Cap. N67, LFN,
2 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the "(Principal Act" is amended as set out
3 hereunder). Amendment of
Principal Act
- 4 2. Section 6: Functions and powers of the Commission:
- 5 (i) Section 6 (1) (a) is hereby amended by deleting the word;
6 "periodically" and replacing it with the following "every ten years or any
7 other lesser period if it is expedient or necessary to do so". Amendment of
Section 6(1)(a)
- 8 (ii) A new Section 6(1) (b) is hereby inserted to read as follows
9 "cause to be published in the mass media and other communication channels
10 the outcome of the enumeration of the population census of Nigeria as
11 carried out in Section 6.(1) (a) not later than one year after such exercise." Amendment of
Section 6(1)(b)
- 12 (iii) Section 6.(1) (b) is hereby amended by deleting (b) and
13 replacing it with; (c). Insertion of (c)
- 14 (iv) Section 6. (1) (c) is hereby amended by deleting (c) and
15 replacing it with; (d). Insertion of (d)
- 16 (v) Section 6. (1) (d) is hereby amended by deleting (d) and
17 replacing it with; (e). Insertion of (e)
- 18 (vi) Section 6. (1) (e) is hereby amended by deleting (e) and
19 replacing it with; (f). Insertion of (f)
- 20 (vii) Section 6. (1) (f) is hereby amended by deleting (f) and
21 replacing it with; (g). Insertion of (g)

Insertion of (h)	1	(viii) Section 6. (1) (g) is hereby amended by deleting (g) and
	2	replacing it with; (h)
Insertion of (i)	3	(ix) Section 6. (1) (h) is hereby amended by deleting (h) and replacing
	4	it with; (i)
Insertion of (j)	5	(x) Section 6. (1) (i) is hereby amended by deleting (i) and replacing it
	6	with; (j)
Insertion of (k)	7	(xi) Section 6. (1) (j) is hereby amended by deleting (j) and replacing
	8	it with; (k)
	9	3. Section 18: Prohibition of debate of census and other population
	10	figures without authority:
Amendment of Section 18(c)	11	(i) The Phrase; " imprisonment for a term of not less than five years
	12	without the option of a fine "which appears just after Section 18 (c)is hereby
	13	amended by deleting and replacing it with;"a fine of ten thousand naira or a
	14	term of five years or to both such fine and imprisonment."
Amendment of Section 28	15	4. Section 28: Establishment and membership of Census
	16	Tribunals:
	17	(i) The Heading of Section 28 which reads; "Establishment and
	18	membership of Census Tribunals" is hereby amended to read;"Establishment,
	19	membership and powers of Census Tribunals"
Amendment of section 28(6)	20	(ii) Section 28(6) is hereby amended by deleting the phrase; "the
	21	President" and replacing it with; "it"
Insertion of Section 28 (7) (a), (b), (c)	22	(iii) A new Section 28(7) (a) (b) (c) is hereby inserted to read as
	23	follows:
	24	“(7) Powers of the Census Tribunals;
	25	The Census Tribunals shall:
	26	(a) have the power to uphold, reject or take any appropriate decision
	27	on any complaint or objection to census results that may be brought
	28	before it;
	29	(b) have the power to order for another enumeration of a disputed
	30	census result of an area or areas brought before it if it deems fit;

1 (c) the decision or judgement of the Census Tribunal shall be
2 binding on all parties with regards to any complaint or objection brought
3 before it. Such decision or judgement shall be included and form part of the
4 enumeration records or census figures for the area or areas in contention."

5 (iv) Section 28 (7) is hereby amended by deleting "(7)" and
6 replacing it with "(8)".

7 **5. Third Schedule**

8 **3. Security of costs**

9 (i) Section 3 (2) is hereby amended by deleting "#5,000" and
10 replacing it with; "N20,000".

11 **33. Fees**

12 (i) Section 33 (1) is hereby amended by deleting "#500" and
13 replacing it with; "N5,000".

14 (ii) Section 33 (2) is hereby amended by deleting 50 and replacing
15 same with; "N1,000" and deleting "N250" and replacing it with; "N5,000".

16 (xii) Section 33 (3) is hereby amended by deleting N250 and
17 replacing it with; "N50,000".

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(This note does not form part of the Bill but intends to explain it)

This Bill seeks to amend the National population Commission Act, Laws of the Federation, 2004 and Other Related Matter therein to enhance the functions and performance of the Commission.

