

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL CHARACTER COMMISSION
(ESTABLISHMENT, ETC) ACT, 2004. TO STRENGTHEN THE ACT, PROSECUTE
VIOLATORS, REMOVING IT FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND
TO STIFFEN THE PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS

Sponsored by Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok

[] Commencement

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

1 The Federal Character Commission (establishment etc) Act, 2004 is
2 amended as set out hereunder:

3 1. Section 1 (3) is amended by substituting President with "The
4 National Assembly". Amendment of
Section 1(3)

5 2. Section 3 is amended by deleting the whole subsections one,
6 two and five. The other subsections should thereafter be re numbered
7 accordingly. Amendment of
Section 3

8 3. Section 4 is amended by substituting President with "The
9 National Assembly" - wherever it appears, particularly in paragraphs, a, d, i,
10 ii, e and f. Amendment of
Section 4

11 4. Section 5 (2) is amended by deleting the Last full stop after so
12 and inserting "through" then immediately thereunder provide as follows: Amendment of
Section 5(2)

- 13 (a) Its own Legal Practitioners;
14 (b) External Legal Practitioners; or
15 (c) Attorney General of the Federation or any of the States or any of
16 their counsel.

17 5. Section 13 is amended by substituting President with "National
18 Assembly" and inserting immediately after the word "activities" "(including
19 the level of compliance by all authorities with the provision of the Act)" Amendment of
Section 13

Amendment of Section 14 (1&2)	1	6. Section 14 Sub-section 1 and 2 are deleted and the others re-
	2	numbered accordingly.
Amendment of Section 15	3	7. -(a) Section 15 (1) is amended by substituting N50, 000 with "not
	4	less than "N100,000 and "six months" is substituted with "not less than six
	5	months";
	6	(b) Section 15 (2) is amended by substituting NI00, 000 with "not less
	7	than N500,000" and N50, 000 is substituted with "not less than N250, 000";
	8	(c) Section 15 (3) is amended by substituting "NI00, 000" with
	9	"N500,000".
Amendment of Section 19	10	8. Section 19 is amended by in the definition of constitution by
	11	inserting after "1999" the words "as amended".
Citation	12	9. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Character Commission
	13	(Establishment, Etc) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act amends the Federal Character Commission Act by strengthening it to among other things prosecute violators of the Act removing it from under the Direction of the President, and stiffening the Punishment for offenders.