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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW OFFICERS ACT, CAP L8 LAW OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LAW OFFICERS AND THEIR ENTITLEMENTS TO PRACTICE IN THE COURTS OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Bode Ayorinde ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-1. The law officers Act, Cap L8 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, Amendment of Cap. L8 LFN. 2004 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in 2 this Bill. The long title to the Principal Act is deleted and substituted 4 Amendment of the long title 5 with a new long title as follows-An Act to provide for the appointment of Law Officers and their 6 entitlements to practice in the courts of Nigeria. 8 3. Section 2 of the Principal Act is deleted and substituted with a Amendment of Section 2 new section 2 as follows-9 The offices of Solicitor-General of the Federation and State Counsel are 10 hereby created. 4. Section 3 of the Principal Act is deleted. Amendment of Section 3 Amendment of 5. Section 4 of the Principal Act is deleted and substituted with a 13 Section 4 new section 3 as follows-14 3. Additional powers and duties of a Solicitor-General; 15 The Solicitor-General of the Federation in the absence of the Attorney-16 General of the Federation may perform any of the duties and shall have the 17 same powers as are imposed by law on the Attorney-General of the 18 Federation. 19

Provided that the powers conferred on the Solicitor-General of the Federation
under subsection (1) of this section shall not include the power to enter nolle
proseque.

Citation 4 6. This Bill may be cited as the Law Officers (Amendment) Bill.
5 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the Law Officers Act Cap L8 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to provide for the appointment of law officers and their entitlements to practice in the courts of Nigeria as well as the limit to the powers of the Solicitor-General of the Federation.