

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT CAP. A20 LAWS OF THE  
FEDERATION 2004, TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE CHIEFS  
SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

*Sponsored by Hon. Raphael Igbokwe*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT 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 2004,  
2 hereinafter referred to as “the Principal Act” is hereby amended as set out in  
3 this Bill.

4           2. Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by adding in sub-  
5 section (1), the phrase “and subject to confirmation by the National  
6 Assembly” after the word “Defence” to read:

7           (1) The President, may after consultation with the Minister of  
8 Defence, and subject to confirmation by the National Assembly appoint  
9 such officers (in this Act referred to as “the Service Chiefs”) as he thinks fit,  
10 in whom the command of the Army, Navy and Air Force, as the case may be,  
11 and their reserves shall be vested.

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

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to bring the Armed Forces Act CAP. A20 Laws of the  
Federation 2004 in conformity to recent constitutional interpretation by the  
courts.