

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN POSTAL SERVICES ACT, CAP. N127, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO MAKE NIPOST PUBLICLY ACCOUNTABLE, POSTAL SERVICES MORE RELIABLE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Kingsley Obinna Onwubuariri*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           **1.** The Nigerian Postal Services Act (in this Act referred to as “the  
2 Principal Act”) is hereby amended as set out under this Act.

3           **2.** Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

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Section 50 of the  
Principal Act

4           (a) in subsection (1), by substituting the sum of N500,000 for  
5 N50,000 in line two;

6           (b) in subsection (2), by substituting the sum of N100,000 for  
7 N5,000 in line five;

8           (c) in subsection (3), by substituting the sum of N100,000,000 for  
9 N1 0,000 in line three.

10          **3.** Section 52 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

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Section 52 of the  
Principal Act

11          (i) In subsection (2) by "deleting" paragraph (a) and inserting  
12 immediately after new paragraphs (a) and (b) thereof, that is:

13 The fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this Section shall consist  
14 of-

15          (a) such sums of money as may be appropriated to the Postal  
16 Service from time to time by the National Assembly; and,

17          (b) subject to Section 54, gifts, loans, grants, aids, etc.

18          (ii) "Deleting" paragraphs (b) and inserting immediately after a  
19 new subsection (3) thereof, that is:

1           “The Postal Service shall pay all revenues from postal and non- postal  
2 services rendered by the Postal Service under this Act or its subsidiary  
3 legislation or under any licence issued pursuant to this Act, into the  
4 Consolidated Revenue Fund”.

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Section 53 of the  
Principal Act

5           **4.** Section 53 of the Principal Act is amended in "Line I" as follows:

6           The Board may apply the fund established under Section 52 (2) of the Act-

Amendment of  
Section 54 of the  
Principal Act

7           **5.** Section 54 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

8           Subsections (1) and (2) are hereby deleted and replaced with a new Section 54  
9 as follows:

10           “The Postal Service may accept gifts or grant of money or aids or  
11 other property from national, bilateral and multilateral organisations and upon  
12 such terms and conditions, if any, as may be agreed upon between the donor  
13 and the Postal Service provided that acceptance of such gifts, aids or property  
14 are not inconsistent with the objectives and functions of the Postal Service  
15 under this Act and same communicated to the National Assembly not later than  
16 60 days after the acceptance”.

Citation

17           **6.** This Act may be cited as the Nigerian Postal Services  
18 (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Postal Services Act, Cap. N127, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make it more publicly accountable and its services more reliable.