

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION ACT CAP.  
N67, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION, 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Abiodun Dada Awoleye*

[ ] Commencement

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

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| 1  | 1. The National Population Commission Act, Cap. N67, LFN,                    | Amendment of     |
| 2  | 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act" is amended as set out   | Principal Act    |
| 3  | hereunder).  |                  |
| 4  | 2. Section 6: Functions and powers of the Commission:                        |                  |
| 5  | (i) Section 6.(1) (a) is hereby amended by deleting the word;                | Amendment of     |
| 6  | "periodically" and replacing it with the following "every ten years or any   | Section 6.1 (a)  |
| 7  | other lesser period if it is expedient or necessary to do so".               |                  |
| 8  | (ii) A new Section 6. (1) (b) is hereby inserted to read as follows;         | Insertion of     |
| 9  | "cause to be published in the mass media and other communication channels    | Section 6.1 (b)  |
| 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." |                  |
| 12 | (iii) Section 6.(1) (b) is hereby amended by deleting (b) and                | Insertion of (c) |
| 14 | replacing it with; (c)   |                  |
| 15 | (iv) Section 6. (1) (c) is hereby amended by deleting (c) and                | Insertion of (d) |
| 16 | replacing it with; (d)   |                  |
| 17 | (v) Section 6. (1) (d) is hereby amended by deleting (d) and                 | Insertion of (e) |
| 18 | replacing it with; (e)   |                  |
| 19 | (vi) Section 6. (1) (e) is hereby amended by deleting (e) and                | Insertion of (f) |
| 20 | replacing it with; (f)   |                  |
| 21 | (vii) Section 6. (1) (f) is hereby amended by deleting (f) and               | Insertion of (g) |
| 22 | replacing it with; (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 18.2 (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."

15 4. Section 28: Establishment and membership of Census Tribunals:

Amendment of  
Section 28 16 (i) The Heading of Section 28 which reads; "Establishment and  
17 membership of Census Tribunals" is hereby amended to read; "Establishment,  
18 membership and powers of Census Tribunals".

Amendment of  
Section 28.(6) 19 (ii) Section 28.(6) is hereby amended by deleting the phrase; "the  
20 President" and replacing it with; "it".

Insertion of  
Section 28.(7)  
(a), (b), (c) 21 (iii) A new Section 28.(7) (a) (b) (c) is hereby inserted to read as  
22 follows;

23 "(7) Powers of the Census Tribunals

24 The Census Tribunals shall:

25 (a) have the power to uphold, reject or take any appropriate decision  
26 on any complaint or objection to census results that may be brought before it;

27 (b) have the power to order for another enumeration of a disputed  
28 census result of an area or areas brought before it if it deems fit;

29 (c) the decision or judgement of the Census Tribunal shall be binding  
30 on all parties with regards to any complaint or objection brought before it. Such

1 decision or judgement shall be included and form part of the enumeration  
2 records or census figures for the area or areas in contention."

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

5 5. Third Schedule

6 3. Security of costs:

7 (i) Section 3.(2) is hereby amended by deleting "N5,000" and  
8 replacing it with; "N20,000".

9 33. Fees:

10 (i) Section 33. (1) is hereby amended by deleting "N500" and  
11 replacing it with; "N5,000".

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

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

16 6. This Bill may be cited as the National Population Commission Citation  
17 (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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.

