

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT, CAP A20, LAWS OF THE  
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria-

1           **1.** The Armed Forces Act, Cap A20, Laws of the Federation of  
2 Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as  
3 set out below.

Amendment of  
the Principal Act

4           **2.** Section 18 sub-section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by  
5 substituting the existing words "Chief of Defense Staff" with the words  
6 "Minister of Defense".

7           **3.** Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting sub-  
8 section "5" after the existing sub-section "4" as follows-

Amendment of  
section 18

9           "(5) The National Assembly shall by resolution write to the  
10 President for the removal of the Service Chiefs, and if after one month of  
11 writing to the President and the President fails to remove the Service Chiefs,  
12 the National Assembly shall by simple majority of joint sitting of both  
13 Houses pass a resolution removing the Service Chiefs."

14           **4.** This Bill may be cited as the Armed Forces Act (Amendment)  
15 Bill, 2020.

Citation

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to cognizance of the present security challenges facing the  
country and deemed it imperative to give the National Assembly power to  
remove the Service Chiefs, when the President fails to remove them when  
necessary.