

NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISM LAGOS BILL, 2021

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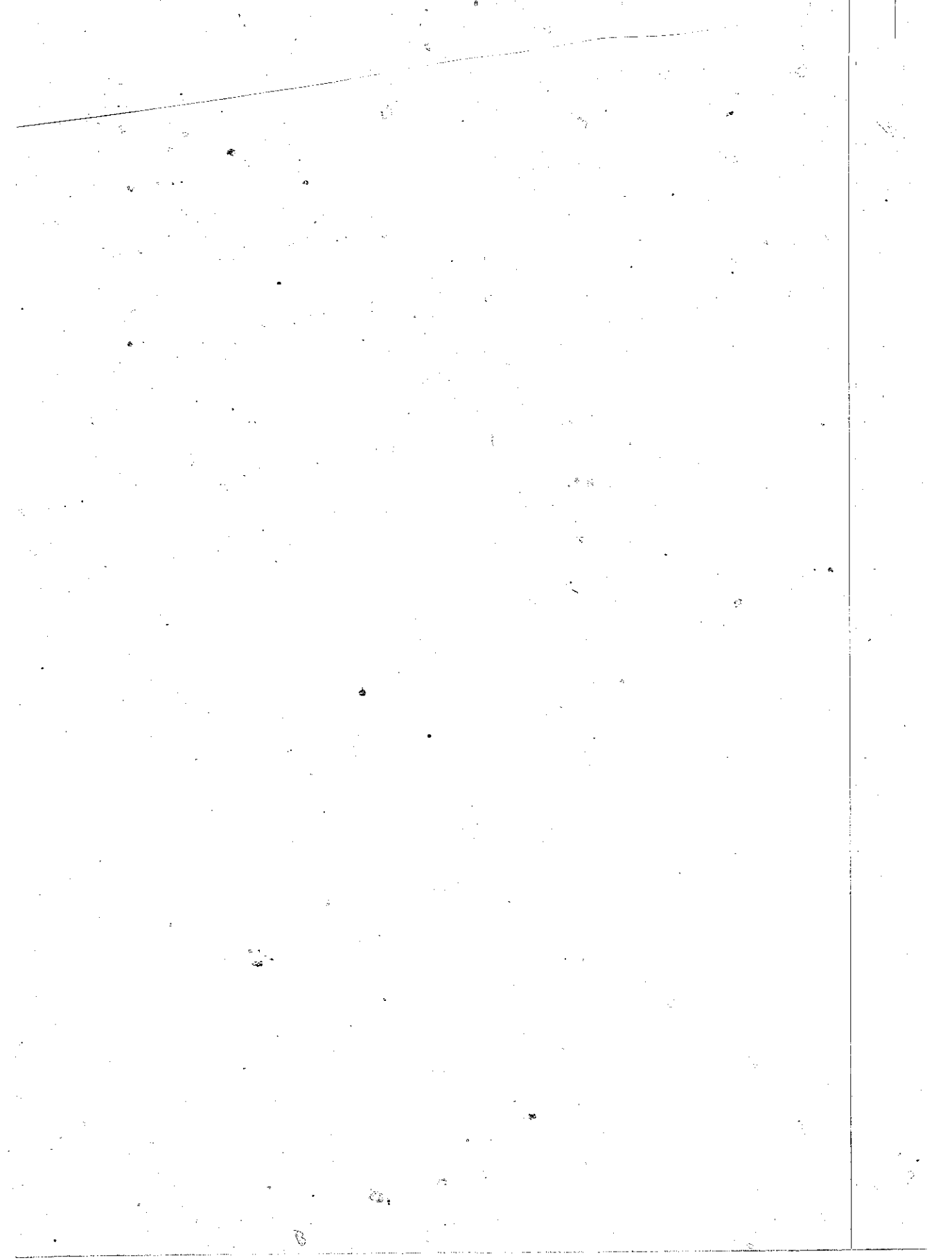
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# A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISM LAGOS STATE, PROVIDE FOR THE FUNCTIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

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

1 PART 1 - ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF  
2 NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISM LAGOS STATE

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established Nigerian Institute of Journalism  
4 ,Lagos State which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as  
5 are conferred on them by this Act.

Establishment  
of Nigerian Institute  
of Journalism  
Lagos State

6 (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual  
7 succession and a common seal; with power to sue and be sued and shall have  
8 power to acquire and dispose of interests in movable and immovable  
9 property and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

10 2.-(1) The governance of the Institute and the management of its  
11 affairs shall vest in the Governing Council of the Institute concerned (in this  
12 Act referred to as "the Council").

Governing Council  
of the Institute

13 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this  
14 section, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve:

15 (a) the day to day and plan of activities of the Institute.  
16 (b) the programme of studies, courses, and research to be  
17 undertaken by the Institute;

18 (c) the yearly estimates of the Institute; and

19 (d) the structure and investment plans of the Institute

20 (3) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have  
21 effect with respect to the Council as specified therein.

Membership  
of the Council  
of the Institute

- 1                   3.-(1) The Council of the Institute, shall consist of a chairman and the  
2 following other members, to be appointed by the President:
- 3                   (a) a representative of the Federal Ministry of education;
- 4                   (b) a representative of the alumni association of the Institute;
- 5                   (c) three persons appointed on individual merit on a nationwide basis  
6 who should have wide experience in the area of Journalism;
- 7                   (d) two representatives of the Academic Board of the Institute;
- 8                   (e) one representative of the general public; and
- 9                   (f) the Provost of the Institute.

Tenure of office  
of members of  
the Council

- 10                  4.-(1) Each member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member)  
11 shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment  
12 for a further period of four years.

- 13                  (2) The office of a member appointed under sections 3 (1) (d) and 3 (2)  
14 (d) of this Act shall become vacant if:

- 15                  (a) the member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand,  
16 addressed to the president through the Minister;
- 17                  (b) the member is convicted of any offence by any court;
- 18                  (c) the member becomes a person of unsound mind;
- 19                  (d) The member abuses his office.

Functions of  
the Institute

- 20                  5. The functions of the institute shall be:
- 21                  (a) to provide full-time courses in teaching, instruction and training:
- 22                  (i) in journalism, arts, social science, humanities and management;
- 23                  and
- 24                  (ii) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the  
25 development of Nigerian in the areas of journalism and arts as the council may  
26 from time to time determine;
- 27                  (iii) to award national diploma, higher national diploma, and  
28 postgraduate diploma in journalism and related field;
- 29                  (iv) to arrange conferences, seminars and workshops relative to the  
30 fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) of this section;

1 (v) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council  
2 may serve to promote the objectives of the institute;

3 (vi) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all  
4 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the  
5 opportunity of acquiring a higher education in technology, applied science,  
6 commerce, arts, social science, humanities and management;

7 (vii) to establish appropriate relationships with other national  
8 institutions involved in training, research and development of in technology,  
9 applied science, commerce, arts, social science, humanities and  
10 management;

11 (viii) to conduct special programme and courses in journalism; and

12 (ix) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council  
13 may serve to promote the objectives of the institute.

14 6.-(1) For the carrying out of the functions of Institute, the Council  
15 shall have power to:

Powers of the  
Council

16 (a) undertake examinations and award diplomas, professional  
17 certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of  
18 study approved and accredited by the National university Commission;

19 (b) collect from any student or any other person attending the  
20 Institute for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may, with the  
21 prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

22 (c) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and  
23 bookselling;

24 (d) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

25 (e) hold examinations for student or teachers;

26 (f) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the  
27 welfare of the staff of the Institute;

28 (g) invest the funds of the Institute in securities specified by law or  
29 in such other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the Minister;

30 (h) borrow money within Nigeria in such manner and upon such

1 security as the Minister may from time to time authorise;

2 (i) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for  
3 carrying into effect the objectives of the Institute;

4 (j) recruit staff of the right calibre and determine the career structure  
5 of such staff;

6 (k) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units  
7 within the Institute ;or extramural departments as the Council may, from time  
8 to time, decide;

9 (l) institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles.

Visitation

10 7.-(1) The Minister of Education shall be the Visitor of the Institute.

11 (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct a  
12 visitation of the Institute; or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less  
13 than five experts to conduct the visitation:

14 (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative  
15 performance of the Institute ;or

16 (b) for such other purpose or in respect of any other affairs of the  
17 Institute; as the Visitor may deem fit

The Academic  
Board and its  
functions

18 8.-(1) The Institute Shall have a board to be known as the Academic  
19 Board which shall consist of the following members:

20 (a) the Provost of the Institute ; who shall be the chairman;

21 (b) all heads of departments;

22 (c) the Institute Librarian; and

23 (d) not more than two members of the academic staff other than heads  
24 of departments to be appointed by the Council.

25 (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

26 (a) overseeing the management of academic matters of the Institute  
27 and among others the regulation of admission of students, the award of  
28 certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

29 (b) providing reports from time to time on such academic matters to  
30 the Council as the Council may from time to time direct;

1 (c) carrying out any other functions which the Council may assign  
2 or delegate to it

3 9. The Minister may give directive to the council with regard to the  
4 exercise by the Council of its functions under this Act and it shall be the duty  
5 of the Council to comply with such directions.

Power of Minister  
to give directions  
to the Council

6 10.-(1) There shall be a Provost of the Institute (in this Act referred  
7 to as "the Provost") who shall be appointed by the President, in accordance  
8 with the provisions of this section.

The Provost of  
the Institute

9 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council  
10 shall:

11 (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read  
12 newspaper in Nigeria specifying:

13 (i) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post;

14 (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post; and  
15 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;

16 (b) constitute a search team consisting of:

17 (i) a member of the Council not being a member of the Academic  
18 Board, as chairman;

19 (ii) two members of the academic Board not below the rank of chief  
20 lecturer;

21 (iii) two members of the academic community of the Institute not  
22 below the rank of chief lecturer to be selected by the Council, to identify and  
23 draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post  
24 for any reason whatsoever.

25 (3) A Joint Council and Academic Selection Board consisting of:

26 (a) the chairman of the Council;

27 (b) two members of the Council not being members of the  
28 Academic Board;

29 (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of  
30 chief lecturer, who were not members of the search team, shall consider the

1 candidates and persons on the short lists drawn up under subsection (2) of this  
2 section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with  
3 them and recommend through the Council to the President, three candidates for  
4 his consideration.

5 (4) The President shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates  
6 recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

7 (5) Subject to this Act and the general control of the Council, the  
8 Provost shall be the chief executive of the Institute; and shall be charged with  
9 general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management  
10 operations of the Institute;

11 (6) The Provost:

12 (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the  
13 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be  
14 specified in his letter of appointment; and

15 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of four years and no  
16 more.

17 11.-(1) There shall be for the Institute a Deputy Provost

18 (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the  
19 chief lecturers in the Institute in one of the following ways, that is:

20 (a) from a list of three candidates in order of preference, submitted by  
21 the Provost; or

22 (b) on the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted under this  
23 section for that purpose; or

24 (c) on the nomination of the Provost. (3) The Selection Board referred  
25 to in subsection (2) of this section shall:

26 (a) consist of:

27 (i) the chairman of the Council;

28 (ii) the Provost;

29 (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic  
30 Board;



1 (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and  
2 (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the  
3 recommendation required under that subsection.

4 (4) The Deputy Provost shall:

5 (a) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;

6 (b) act in the place of the Provost when the post of Provost is vacant  
7 or if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions  
8 as Provost; and

9 (c) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may,  
10 from time to time, assign to him.

11 (5) The Deputy Provost:

12 (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the  
13 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may  
14 be specified in his letter of appointment; and

15 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no  
16 more.

17 12.-(1) The Council of the Institute shall appoint a Registrar to the  
18 Institute (hereinafter referred to as the Registrar") who shall keep the  
19 records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform  
20 such other duties as the Council and subject thereto as the Provost may from  
21 time to time direct.

The Registrar  
and other staff  
of the Institute

22 (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to other duties conferred on him  
23 by or under this Act, be the secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and  
24 any committee of the Council and in his absence, the Council or any such  
25 committee may appoint some other person to act as secretary, and he shall  
26 not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.

27 (3) A Registrar:

28 (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the  
29 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may  
30 be specified in his letter of appointment; and

1 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no  
2 more:

3 (4) Where, on the commencement of this section, a Registrar  
4 appointed before the commencement of this section has held office:

5 (a) for five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term  
6 of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;

7 (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete  
8 the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be  
9 assigned other duties in the Institute;

10 (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as  
11 Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish  
12 his post and be assigned other duties in the Institute.

13 13.-(1) There shall be for the Institute the following principal officers  
14 in addition to the Registrar, that is:

15 (a) the Bursar; and

16 (b) the Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the  
17 recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under this Act

18 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the Institute; and  
19 be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of  
20 the financial affairs of the Institute.

21 (3) The Institute Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the  
22 administration of the Institute Library and the coordination of the library  
23 services in the teaching units of the Institute.

24 (4) A Bursar or Librarian:

25 (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the  
26 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be  
27 specified in his letter of appointment; and

28 (b) may be reappointed for a further period of five years and no more.

29 (5) Where, on the commencement of this section, a Bursar or  
30 Librarian has held office:

1 (a) for five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first  
2 term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;

3 (b) for more than five but less than ten years, he shall complete the  
4 maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be  
5 assigned other duties in the Institute;

6 (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve in that  
7 capacity for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall  
8 relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the Institute;

9 14. A principal officer may resign his appointment:

10 (a) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor; and

11 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council.

Resignation of  
appointment of  
principal officers

12 15.-(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be  
13 employees of the Institute as the Council may determine to assist the Provost  
14 and the principal officers of the Institute in the performance of their  
15 functions under this Act

Other employees  
of the Institute

16 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the remuneration, tenure of  
17 office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be  
18 determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service  
19 Commission.

20 16.-(1) There shall be, for the Institute, a selection Board which  
21 shall consist of:

Selection Board  
for other principal  
officers

22 (a) the chairman of the Council;

23 (b) the Provost;

24 (c) four members of the Council not being members of the  
25 Academic Board; and

26 (d) two members of the Academic Board.

27 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the  
28 Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be as  
29 the Council may, from time to time, determine.

nsions 1 17.-(1) It is hereby declared that service in the Institute shall be in  
2 accordance with the pension Act.

3 PART II - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

establishment 4 18.-(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be  
fund of the 5 applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Act  
institute

6 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under  
7 subsection (1) of this section:

8 (a) such sums as may be made to the Institute through Annual budget;

9 (b) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts,  
10 grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition; and

11 (c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the  
12 Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.

13 (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, through the University  
14 commission not later than three months before the end of each financial year or  
15 at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure  
16 for the next succeeding financial year.

Power to accept 17 19.-(1) The Council may accept gifts.  
gifts

18 (2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by  
19 the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Council.

Accounts and 20 20. The Council shall keep proper accounts and shall in respect of  
audit 21 each year cause the accounts to be audited.

Annual reports 22 21. The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its  
23 activities during the immediately preceding financial year.

24 PART III - MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENT

Offices and 25 22.-(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary  
premises 26 for the performance of its functions, the Council may:

27 (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and

28 (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

29 (2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any  
30 interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer

1 required for the performance of its functions.

2 23.-(1) The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to  
3 conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of  
4 diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for  
5 different circumstances.

Discipline of  
students

6 (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence  
7 to be followed at enquiries under this section.

8 (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where  
9 it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the Institute has been  
10 guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other  
11 disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Act or any regulations  
12 madethereunder, direct:

13 (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified  
14 in the direction, participate in such activities of the Institute, or make use of  
15 such facilities of the Institute as he may specify; or

16 (c) that the student may be suspended for such period as may be  
17 specified in the direction; or

18 (d) that the student be expelled from the Institute

19 (4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost  
20 refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly  
21 or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified  
22 in subsection (3) of this section to any student of the Institute who is guilty of  
23 misconduct

24 (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) of this  
25 section in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the  
26 date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the  
27 direction to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council  
28 shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council  
29 considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such  
30 manner as the Council may think fit.

1 (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of  
2 subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while  
3 the appeal is pending.

4 (7) The Provost may delegate his powers under this section to a  
5 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Institute as he may  
6 nominate.

7 (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the  
8 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Institute otherwise than  
9 on the ground of misconduct.

10 (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a) of  
11 this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this  
12 section.

13 (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be  
14 final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student.

## Interpretation

15 24. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires;

16 "Institute" means Nigerian Institute of Journalism Lagos established under  
17 section 1 of this Act;

18 "chairman" means the chairman of the Council;

19 "Council" means the Governing Council of the Institute established by or  
20 pursuant to section 2 of this Act;

21 "Provost" means the Provost of an Institute appointed under section 9 of this  
22 Act;

23 "functions" includes powers and duties;

24 "Minister" means the Minister of Education;

25 "member" means a member of the Council including the chairman.

## Citation

26 25. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Institute of Journalism  
27 Lagos Bill, 2021.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish Nigerian Institute of Journalism Lagos; provide for the functions and to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the opportunity of acquiring a higher education in technology, applied science, commerce, arts, social science, humanities and management.

