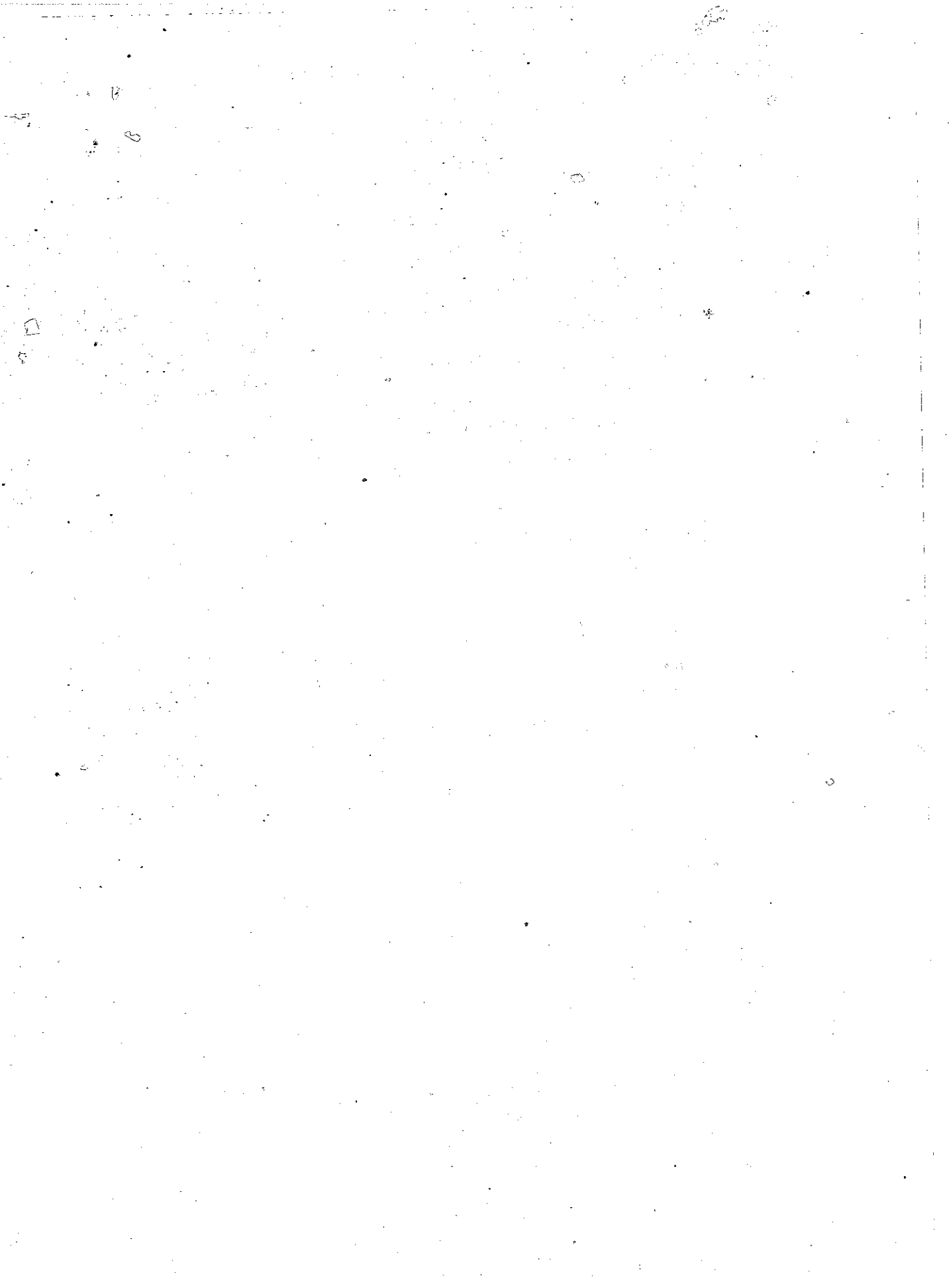


NATIONAL LIBRARY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause:

1. Amendment of the National Library Act Cap N56 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004
2. Amendment of Section 20 of the Principal Act
3. Amendment of Section 3 of the Principal Act
4. Amendment of Section 4 of the Principal Act
5. Amendment of Section 13 of the Principal Act
6. Citation



A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT CAP N56 LAWS OF THE
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Johnson Egwakhide Oghuma

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The National Library Act Cap N56 Laws of the Federation of
2 Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act) is amended as set
3 out in this Bill. Amendment of
Cap N56 LFN,
2004

4 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended: Amendment of
Section 2
5 (1) In section (1) by inserting the words "National Library" before
6 the word "Board" in line 1.

7 (2) In subsection (2) by substituting the subsection with the
8 following new subsection:

9 "(a) To act as a national depository institution for books and other
10 research materials in Nigeria;

11 (b) To act as the focal institution and advisory body to individual,
12 corporate and Government institution on Library and information matters;

13 (c) To acquire, process, organize, disseminate as well as provide
14 links to information resource to Nigerians and non-Nigerians alike, for their
15 educational pursuit and for informed decision making;

16 (d) To assemble and maintain a collection of all books, periodicals,
17 newspapers, maps, gazettes, Acts, Laws, Bye Laws, all subsidiary
18 legislations, notices, orders and other government publications which are
19 published in Nigeria;

20 (e) to assemble and maintain a collection of all musical recordings
21 and films produced in Nigeria;

- 1 (f) to establish and maintain the National Library and information
2 Service Center in each of state of the federation;
- 3 (g) to develop networks and linkages with other libraries in Nigeria
4 and anywhere in the world;
- 5 (h) to prepare catalogues, indexes, and similar research aids;
- 6 (i) to make the facilities of the National Library and information
7 service center available to members of the public and others on proper terms,
8 which may include provisions for:
- 9 (i) registration of persons admitted to use the library facilities;
- 10 (ii) the imposition of fees for service rendered to the public; and
- 11 (iii) safe guarding the property of the Board.
- 12 (j) to provide consultancy services to individuals, communities,
13 corporate bodies, agencies and other government bodies wishing to establish
14 libraries;
- 15 (k) to develop the national bibliography of Nigeria and national
16 bibliography center or elsewhere;
- 17 (l) to prescribe the rules and procedure for granting applications for
18 International Standard Book Number (ISBN)/International Standard Serial
19 Number (ISSN)/National Bibliography Number NBN(NBN)/Cataloging In
20 Publication (CIP), etc;
- 21 (m) to engage in research on any subject of national interest and
22 publish its findings for public use;
- 23 (n) To provide and encourage staff to undertake capacity buildings
24 and skill acquisition programmes to enhance their skills in the performance of
25 their duties to the Board;
- 26 (o) To engage in readership campaign with a view to encouraging
27 readership culture and awareness among Nigerians;
- 28 (p) To provide leadership initiative in the area of resource sharing and
29 library cooperation;
- 30 (q) To audit the source of unrecorded information such as indigenous

1 knowledge which are required for continued research into national origin of
2 Nigeria history and culture;

3 (r) To develop information and communication technology (ICT)
4 facilities to ensure that the services of the National Library and Information
5 Service Center are offered in real term, more widely and more efficiently;

6 (s) To develop a Virtual Library for Nigeria; and

7 (t) To provide in accordance with this Act such services as in the
8 opinion of the Board are usually provided by national libraries all over the
9 world.

10 3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the
11 existing Section 3, with the following new section 3:

Amendment of
Section 3

12 "(t) There shall be a National Librarian who, subject to the
13 subsection (2), shall be appointed by the Minister and shall be a person
14 appearing to the Minister to have shown exceptional capacity in the
15 organization and administration of a library service comparable to those
16 envisaged by this Act.

17 (2) The National Librarian shall hold office for a term of four years
18 in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of four years
19 and no more.

20 (3) Subject to the Board's financial, operational and administrative
21 policy programmes, the National Librarian shall have the general function
22 of organizing and managing the National Library and the services provided
23 in pursuance of this Act, and, in particular, the function of directing the
24 activities of the offices and servants of the Board and managing the Board's
25 finances.

26 (4) Subject to subsection (3), The National Librarian shall be free
27 to manage the National Library as he deems fit in accordance with this Act,
28 and the Board shall not interfere with the manner in which he deploys the
29 material and human resources of the National Library in order to obtain
30 results in accordance to this Act."

Amendment of
Section 4

1 4. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the existing
2 one and substituting it with the following new Section 4:

3 "(t) Every author and publisher of a published work in Nigeria shall
4 within one month after publication, deposit with the National Library three
5 copies of the book for permanent preservation and public use.

6 (2) Where the publication is by or on behalf of any department of
7 government of the federation, State or Local Government Council, it shall be
8 the duty of the official in charge of the department to deliver twenty-five copies
9 of the publication to the National Librarian for permanent preservation and
10 public use.

11 (3) Where either the author or publisher fails to comply with the
12 provisions of subsection (1) of this Section, the person in default shall be guilty
13 of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding N50,000
14 only or such fines as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

15 (4) Where the defaulter is a corporate body, upon conviction, it shall
16 be liable to a fine not exceeding N250,000 only or such fines as may be
17 prescribed by the Board from time to time.

18 (5) Without prejudice to subsection (3), the court shall order the
19 person in default to deliver to the National Library the mandatory number of
20 copies of the publication.

21 (6) The President may by order in the Federal Gazette exclude any
22 publisher or book, or any class of publishers or book, from the operation of
23 subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

24 (7) The obligation imposed by this section are additional to any
25 similar obligations which may be imposed by any law or regulation in force in
26 Nigeria under this Act.

27 (8) In this Section "book" includes:

28 (a) all literary works such as books, pamphlets, sheets of music, maps,
29 electronic publications, charts, plans, tables and compilations;

30 (b) dramatic works;

1 (c) collective works such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, year
2 books or similar works, newspapers, magazines, and similar periodicals;

3 (d) any work written in distant parts by different authors or in
4 which a part or parts of work of different authors is or are incorporated, and
5 every part or division of such a work; and

6 (e) all forms in which documentary or oral records are published,
7 "publisher", in relation to a book, means any person authorizing or causing
8 the book to be printed and distributed in Nigeria, excluding the Federal
9 Government and the Governor of a State (or any person acting on its or his
10 behalf), a public officer acting in his capacity as such and any person
11 distributing in Nigeria a book published elsewhere."

12 5. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended in paragraph
13 substituting the "Education" for the word "Information" in the interpretation
14 of "Minister".

Amendment of
Section 15

15 6. This Bill may be cited as the National Library (Amendment)
16 Bill, 2019.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Library Act Cap N56 of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among other things provide for the strengthening of the National Library Board of Nigeria and providing adequate sanctions to deal with authors and publishers who default in complying with the deposit of publications and properly designate the nomenclature of the Director of the National Library as the National Librarian.

