

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE BORDER COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACT, TO ENLARGE THE SCOPE OF ITS COVERAGE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Kolawole Lawal

[] Commencement

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

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| 1 | 1. The Border Communities Development Agency | Amendment of |
| 2 | (Establishment, Etc.) Act (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is | the Border |
| 3 | amended as set out below: | Communities |
| 4 | 1. the Principal Act is hereby amended by substituting the word | Development |
| 5 | "Agency" wherever it appears in the Act with the Word "Commission" | Agency Act |
| 6 | <i>Establishment of the Governing Board of the Agency</i> | Consequential |
| 7 | 2. Section 3 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by reducing the | Amendment |
| 8 | members of the governing board as follows: | Amendment of |
| 9 | (a) the Vice-President of the Federation, who shall be the | Section 3 |
| 10 | Chairman; | |
| 11 | (b) the Attorney-General of the Federation; | |
| 12 | (c) the Ministers responsible for each of the following- | |
| 13 | (i) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; | |
| 14 | (ii) the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing; | |
| 15 | (iii) the Federal Ministry of Interior; | |
| 16 | (iv) the Federal Ministry of Defence; | |
| 17 | (v) the Federal Ministry of Health and Human Resources; | |
| 18 | (vii) the Federal Ministry of Environment; | |
| 19 | (d) the Inspector-General of Police; | |
| 20 | (e) the Director-General, National Boundary Commission; | |

- 1 (f) the Director-General, National Intelligence Agency;
- 2 (g) the Surveyor-General of the Federation; and
- 3 (h) six other persons to represent each of the six geo-political zones
- 4 and from border States;
- 5 (i) the Executive Secretary of the Agency who shall serve as Secretary
- 6 to the Board.

7 *Staff of the Agency*

8 *Appointment of the Executive Secretary of the Agency*

Amendment of
Section 5

9 3. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
10 subsection (1), the following subsection:

11 (1) There shall be for the Agency, an Executive Secretary who shall be
12 a member and Secretary to the Board and shall be an indigene of a border
13 community, and who shall be appointed by the President of the Federal
14 Republic of Nigeria.

Amendment of
Section 1 (3) of
the First Schedule

15 4. Section 1 (3) of the First Schedule is amended by including more
16 offices of the Commission as follows:

- 17 1. Cross River
- 18 2. Delta
- 19 3. Jigawa
- 20 4. Katsina
- 21 5. Kebbi
- 22 6. Kwara
- 23 7. Lagos
- 24 8. Niger
- 25 9. Ogun
- 26 10. Ondo
- 27 11. Rivers
- 28 12. Sokoto
- 29 13. Taraba
- 30 14. Yobe

1 15. Zamfara

2 5. This Bill may be cited as the Border Communities Development Short title
3 Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Border Communities Development Agency, to change its nomenclature from an Agency to a Commission, reduce the number of board members and increase the offices of the Agency.

