

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE POLICE ACT, CAP. P19, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO ESTABLISH THE COURT JUDGEMENT ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INDEPENDENT, SPEEDY AND EFFICIENT ENFORCEMENT OF COURT DECISIONS AND JUDGEMENTS AND TO BE HEADED BY A DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Onofiok Luke

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Police Act, Cap. P19, Laws of the Federation of P19, Amendment of
2 Nigeria, 2004, (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as Cap. P19, LFN,
3 set out in this Bill. 2004
- 4 **2.** Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of
5 subsection "(2)", and renumbering the section appropriately: Section 5
6 “(2) The appointment of the Inspector General of Police shall be
7 subject to the confirmation of the Senate.”
- 8 **3.** Insert after section 9 of the Principal Act, a new section "9A": Insertion of
9 9A (1) There is established the Court Judgement Enforcement Section 9A
10 Department (in this section referred to Judgement as "the Department").
11 (2) The Department shall be headed by a Deputy
12 Department Inspector-General of Police who may be a lawyer.
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14 (3) The head of the Department shall be appointed by the Council
15 subject to the confirmation of the Senate.
16 (4) In appointing the head of the Department, regard shall be had to
17 his good character, integrity, and respect for the rule of law.

1 (5) The head of the Department shall, in exercise of his powers over
2 the Department, act independently and in accordance with the laws of the
3 Federal Republic of Nigeria.

4 (6) The Department shall independently coordinate and ensure
5 enforcement of court decisions and judgements all over Nigeria.

6 (7) The Department shall have offices in all the State Police
7 Commands and Divisions in Nigeria.

8 (8) The offices of the Department in the State Police Commands shall
9 be headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Police.

10 (9) The offices of the Department in the State Police Divisions shall
11 be headed by a senior police officer not below the rank of Superintendent of
12 Police."

Citation

4. This Bill may be cited as the Police (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Police Act, Cap. P19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to establish the Court Judgement Enforcement Department to be responsible for independent, speedy and efficient enforcement of court decisions and judgements and be headed by a Deputy Inspector General of Police.