

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF CONDUCT BUREAU AND TRIBUNAL ACT,
CAP. C15 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND FOR
RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Solomon T. Bob

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. The Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act, Cap. C15, Laws
2 of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (hereinafter called the "Principal Act") is
3 hereby amended as set out below.</p> | <p>Amendment of
the Code of
Conduct Bureau
and Tribunal Act,
2004</p> |
| <p>4 2. Section 20 (1) of the Principal Act be amended by adding at the
5 end of the words "in this Act referred to as the Tribunal" the words "which
6 shall be a superior Court of record with exclusive jurisdiction to try offences
7 under the Act".</p> | <p>Amendment of
Section 20(1) of
the Principal Act</p> |
| <p>8 3. Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after
9 sub-section (4) as follows:
10 (4)(a) No action shall be commenced against the Chief Justice of
11 Nigeria, President of the Court of Appeal, Chief Judge of the Federal High
12 Court, Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja,
13 Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory,
14 Abuja and President, Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital
15 Territory, Abuja before the Tribunal unless the Judicial Officer mentioned
16 herein has been validly removed from office under section 292(1) (a)(i) of
17 the Constitution.</p> | <p>Amendment of
Section 24 of
the Principal Act</p> |
| <p>18 (4)(b) No action shall be commenced against the Chief of a State,
19 Grand Kadi of a Sharia Court of Appeal or President of a Customary Court
20 of Appeal of a State before the Tribunal unless the Judicial Officer</p> | |

1 mentioned herein has been validly removed from office under section 292(1)
2 (a)(ii) of the Constitution.

3 **4.** Any action seeking to prosecute any Judicial Officer in
4 contravention of sub-section (4) of this section shall not entertained by the
5 Tribunal.

Citation

6 **5.** This Bill may be cited as the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal
Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to prevent unlawful removal of Judicial Officers from office
and to ensure compliance with the provisions of section 292(1) of the
Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).