

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE USMAN DAN FODIO UNIVERSITY, SOKOTO ACT CAP. U14, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ACTION NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon Fulata Abubakar Hassan

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto Act Cap. U14, Laws
2 of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as" the Principal
3 Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
Cap. U14, LFN,
2004
- 4 **2.** Section 5(a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after
5 the word, "Pro-Chancellor", the words, "who shall possess a minimum of a
6 university degree or its equivalent with cognate experience, integrity,
7 vibrancy and must be healthy and fit to perform the function of a chairman."
8 **3.** Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of
Section 10
9 sub section :(2A)":
10 "(2A) The University shall make Intellectual Property Governance
11 Codes that comply with international best practice to govern the ownership
12 of intellectual property within the university."
- 13 **4.** The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section "19A": Amendment of
Section 19A
14 "19A" Pre-Action Notice:
15 (1) An aggrieved staff or student shall not commence a suit in Court
16 against the University except the staff or student gives the University one
17 month written notice of intention to commence the suit.

1 (2) The written notice of under subsection (1) of this section shall be
2 served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice
3 shall explicitly state the:

4 (a) cause of action;

5 (b) particulars of claim or the grievance sought to be redressed;

6 (c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff;

7 and

8 (d) relief which the intending plaintiff claims.

9 (3) The written notice under subsection (1) of this section and any
10 summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the
11 University under this Act or any other law shall be addressed to the Vice-
12 Chancellor of the University and may be served by delivering same to the Vice-
13 Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or any other Principal Officer of the
14 University or by sending it by registered post, electronic mail or any other
15 legally recognized digital form of communication in Nigeria."

Amendment of
Article 8(1) of
the Third Schedule

16 **5.** Article 8(1) of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
17 by deleting the words, "after which he may not be not be elected again until two
18 years have elapsed" in line 3, and inserting the words, "and no more".

Citation

19 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto
20 (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto Act Cap. U14, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 by specifying the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and providing for pre-action notice to the University authority from an aggrieved staff or student.