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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN LANGUAGES ACT (REPEAL AND

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A BILL

FOR

AN TO REPEAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN LANGUAGES ACT AND ESTABLISH NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN LANGUAGES, TO ENSURE THAT THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE INSTITUTE CONFORMS WITH THE REGULATIONS OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE INSTITUTE TO CONTINUE TO RUN DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

	ENDE THE INSTITUTE TO CONTINUE TO NOT BESTELL TROOTERINGES	
	AND FOR RELATED MATTERS	
	Sponsored by Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos	
	[]	Commencement
	ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of	
	Nigeria-	
1	PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN	
2	Languages And Its Governing Council	
3	1(1) There is established, a body to be known as the National	Establishment of National Institute
4	Institute for Nigerian Languages (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") .	for Nigerian Languages
5	(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual	
6	succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate	
7	name.	
8	(3) The Institute may acquire, hold and dispose of movable and	
9	immovable property for the purpose of its functions.	
10	2. The objects of the Institute shall be to-	Objectives of
11	(a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all	the Institute
12	persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the	
13	opportunity of acquiring higher and liberal education;	
14	(b) provide courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit	
15	of learning in all its branches, and to make those facilities available on	
16	proper terms to such persons as are equipped to benefit from them;	
17	(c) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in	

	1	restricted fields of learning and human endeavour;
	2	(d) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of the
	3	people of Nigeria; and
	4	(e) undertake other activities appropriate for the highest standard of
	5	an Institute.
Establishment	6	3. There is established a Governing Council for the Institute (in this
and composition of the Governing	7	Bill referred to as "the Council"), which Council shall consist of-
Council	8	(a) Chancellor;
	9	(b) Pro-Chancellor;
	10	(c) Executive Director;
	11	(d) two Deputy Executive Director;
	12	(e) a body to be called Congregation;
	13	(D a body to be called Convocation;
	14	(g) the campuses and colleges of the Institute;
	15	(h) the faculties, schools, and other teaching and research units of the
	16	Institute;
	17	(i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to
	18	this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this sub-clause;
	19	(j) all graduates and undergraduates;
	20	(k) a representative of National Universities Commission, not below
	21	directorate grade; and
	22	(l) all other persons who are members of the Institute in accordance
	23	with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.
	24	(2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the
	25	Principal Officers of the Institute mentioned (therein).
	26	(3) A provision shall be made by a Statute with respect to the
	27	constitution of the following bodies-
	28	(a) the Council;
	29	(b) the Senate;
	30	(c) the Congregation; and

Functions of the Institute

1	(d) the Convocation.
2	4 (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 2 of
3	this Act, the Institute shall have power to-
4	(a) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, extra-
5	mural departments and other teaching and research units within the Institute
6	as may, from time to time, seem necessary or desirable, subject to the
7	approval of the National Universities Commission;
8	(b) institute professorships, readerships and associate
9	professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make
10	appointments thereto;
11	(c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
12	bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of
13	assistance;
14	(d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of
15	the Institute;
16	(e) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates
17	and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study
18	approved by the Institute and have satisfied such other requirements as the
19	Institute may lay down;
20	(f) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
21	(g) demand and receive from any student or any other person
22	attending the Institute for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Institute
23	may, from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of the
24	appropriate authority;
25	(h) subject to section 22 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge
26	or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property
27	wherever situate;
28	(i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to
29	accept the same for a particular purpose, unless it approves the terms and
30	conditions attaching thereto;

1	(j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly
2	with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
3	(k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture
4	halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other
5	buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of
6	the Institute;
7	(I) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and bookl
8	selling;
9	(m) subject to any limitation or condition imposed by Statute, to
10	invest any moneys appertaining to the Institute by law of endorsement,
11	whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be
12	immediately required for current expenditure, in any investment or security or
13	in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary
14	any such investment and to deposit any money for the time being un-invested
15	with any bank on deposit or current account;
16	(n) borrow, whether on interest or not, and infeed be, upon the security
17	of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the Institute, such
18	moneys as the Council may, from time to time in its discretion, find necessary
19	or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advance or credit facility;
20	(o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;
21	(p) do anything which it is authorized or required by this Act or by any
22	other Statute to do; and
23	(q) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the
24	foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the Institute.
25	(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes made there
26	under and without prejudice to Clause 9 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred
27	on the Institute by sub-clause (I) of this Clause shall be exercisable on behalf of
28	the Institute by the Councilor by the Senate or in any other manner which may
29	be authorized by this Bill.

1	5(1) The Chancellor shall in relation to the Institute, take	Chancellor to take precedence before
2	precedence before all other members of the Institute, and when he is present	other members
3	shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for conferring degrees.	
4	(2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the Institute, take	
5	precedence before all other members of the Institute except the Chancellor,	
6	and except for the Vice Chancellor when acting as Chairman of	
7	Congregation or Convocation, and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is	
8	present, be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council.	
9	6 (1) There shall be a Council for the Institute consisting of-	Establishment and membership
10	(a) the Pro-Chancellor;	of the Council
11	(b) the Executive Director;	
12	(c) the Deputies Executive Director;	
13	(d) one person from the Federal Ministry responsible for	
14	education;	
15	(e) four persons representing a variety of interest and broadly	
16	representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;	
17	(f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;	
18	(g) two persons appointed by the Congregation from among its	
19	members; and	
20	(h) one person appointed by the Convocation from among its	
21	members.	
22	(2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of	
23	proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition	
24	of the Institute.	
25	7(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor,	Council and other
26	the Council shall be the governing body of the Institute and shall be charged	Committees of the Institute
27	with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and	
28	property of the Institute, including its public relations.	
29	(2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the	
30	Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the	

1	directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of
2	the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
3	(3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution
4	of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
5	(4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the Institute are
6	kept and the accounts of the Institute are audited annually by auditors
7	appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines
8	supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation, and that an annual report is
9	published by the Institute together with certified copies of the said accounts as
10	audited.
11	(5) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance
12	and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of
13	exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own
14	procedure.
15	(6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and
16	General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the
17	Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflicts with any
18	direction given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into force of
19	the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.
20	(7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and
21	General Purposes Committee and of any other Committee set up by the
22	Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at
23	such rates as may from time to time be fixed by extant government circulars.
24	(8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the
25	performance of its functions under this Act, and shall meet at least four times
26	every year.
27	(9) If required in writing by five members of the Council, the
28	Chairman shall within, 28 days after the receipt of such request, call a meeting
29	of the Council:

PROVIDED that if after 28 days of the receipt or delivering to him of

1	such request, the Chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar	
2	shall, within 14 days thereof, cause a meeting of the Council to be convened	
3	for that purpose and the request shall specify the business to be considered at	
4	the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that	
5	meeting.	
6	8(1) Subject to Clause 5 of this Bill and sub-clauses (3) and (4) of	Functions of the
7	this Clause and to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be	Senate
8	the general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the	
9	Institute, admission to Post-graduate courses and other admission of	
10	students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the Institute.	
11	(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of	
12	subsection (I) of this section, it shall in particular be the function of the	
13	Senate to make provision for the-	
14	(a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,	
15	faculties, departments, schools, Institutes and other teaching and research	
16	units of the Institute, and the allocation of responsibility for different	
17	branches of learning;	
18	(b) organization and control of courses of study in the Institute and	
19	of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the	
20	appointment of examiners, both internal and external;	
21	(c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be	
22	prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the Institute;	
23	(d) making of recommendations to "the 'Council with respect to the	
24	award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title	
25	of professor emeritus;	
26	(e) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence	
27	and similar institutions in the Institute;	
28	(f) supervision of the welfare of students in the Institute and the	
29	regulation of their conduct;	
30	(g)granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards	

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in so far as the awards are within the control of the Institute; and

	2	(h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic dress
	3	for the purposes of the Institute, and regulating the use of academic dress.
	4	(3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, faculty
	5	department, school, institute or other teaching and research units of the
	6	Institute, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the Institute withou
	7	the approval of the Council.
	8	(4) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Senate may make
	9	regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by
	10	the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter for
	11	which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Act or by
	12	Statute.
	13	(5) The Senate shall, by regulation, provide that at least one of the
	14	persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held
	15	in conjunction with any course of study in the Institute is not a teacher at the
	16	Institute but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates in
	17	some other Institute of high repute.
	18	(6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the
	19	Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree
	20	diploma or other award of the Institute which has been conferred on him if after
	21	due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of any dishonorable or scandalous
	22	conduct in gaining admission into the Institute or obtaining that award.
Executive Director to take precedence	23	9(1) The Executive Director shall, in relation to the Institute, take
in the absence of Chancellor	24	precedence before all other members of the Institute except the Chancellor and
	25	subject to section 5 of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the
	26	time being acting as Chairman of the Council.
	27	(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Executive Director shall
	28	have general function, in addition to any other function conferred on him by
	29	this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the Institute, and shall, to the
	30	exclusion of any other person or authority, be the chief executive and academic

1	officer of the Institute and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate.	
2	PART II - STATUTES OF THE INSTITUTE	
3	10(1) Subject to this Bill, the Institute may make Statutes for any	Statutes of the
4	of the following purposes-	Institute
5	(a) making provision with respect to the composition and	
6	constitution of any authority of the Institute;	
7	(b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any	
8	authority of the Institute, and regulating any other matter connected with the	
9	Institute or any of its authorities;	
10	(c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the	
11	Institute, and their discipline and welfare;	
12	(d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an	
13	academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any	
14	Statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder; and	
15	(e) making provision for other matters for which provision by	
16	Statute is authorized or required by this Bill.	
17	(2) Subject to section 25 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall	
18	apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a	
19	subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section $27(1)$ of that Act.	
20	(3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall	
21	be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this	
22	Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section by the	
23	Institute.	Second Schedule
24	The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced	
25	or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in	
26	or from the Statute contained in the Second Schedule to this Bill.	Power to make and approve
27	11(1) The power of the Institute to make Statutes shall be	Statutes
28	exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.	
29	(2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has	
30	been approved at a meeting of the-	

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(a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members

	2	present and voting; and
	3	(b) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members
	4	present and voting.
	5	(3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or Council,
	6	and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by both
	7	bodies in no particular order.
	8	(4) A Statute which-
	9	(a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the
	10	Council, the Senate or any other authority of the Institute; or
	11	(b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for
	12	the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is
	13	established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the
	14	Visitor.
	15	(5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, Statute
	16	shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the
	17	Council and the Senate in accordance with subsection (3) of this section or in
	18	the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on
Proof of Statute in Court	19	which it is approved by the President.
in Court	20	12. A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy
	21	thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Executive
	22	Director or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of
Visitor's decision in case of dispute	23	that Institute.
in ease of dispute	24	13(1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the
	25	meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor,
	26	who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he deems fit.
	27	(2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this
	28	section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the Institute
	29	and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute has been
	30	decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the meaning of that

1	provision shall be entertained by any other authority in Nigeria,	
2	PROVIDED that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power	
3	of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a	
4	Statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent	
5	with the Constitution.	
6	(3) The provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any	
7	doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this Bill, an	
8	academic or non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt	
9	or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and accordingly	
10	the reference in subsection (2) of this section to any question as to the	
11	meaning of any provision of the Statute shall include references to any	
12	question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or	
13	Proof of Statute in court Visitor's decision in case of dispute in academic or	
14	non-academic matter.	
15	PART III - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE	Supervision an discipline
16	14 (1) The President shall be the Visitor of the Institute.	discipinie
17	(2) The Visitor shall, as often as the circumstances may require not	
18	being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the Institute or	
19	direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may	
20	deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the Institute.	
21	(3) The bodies and persons comprising the Institute Shall-	
22	(a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons	
23	conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and	
24	assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of the	
25	visitation; and	
26	(b) give effect to any instruction consistent with the provisions of	
27	this Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation.	Removal of members
28	15(1) If it appears to the Council that a member (other than Pro-	memoers
29	Chancellor or the Executive Director) should be removed from office on	
30	grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the	

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Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the

	2	Federal Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council, after making
	3	such enquiries (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves the
	4	recommendation, it may direct the removal of the member from office.
	5	(2) The Minister shall use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the
	6	instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of this section to be
Grounds and	7	served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
procedure for removal of members	8	16(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing
	9	that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or
	10	professional staff of the Institute, other than the Executive Director, should be
	11	removed from office or on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the
	12	functions of his office Council shall-
	13	(a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
	14	(b) afford such person an opportunity of making representation on the
	15	matter to the Council; and
	16	(c) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment.
	17	(2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so request
	18	within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of the
	19	Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for-
	20	(a) a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to review the
	21	matter and to report on it to the Council;
	22	(b) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear
	23	before and be heard by an investigating committee with respect to the matter;
	24	and if the Council after considering the report of the investigating committee is
	25	satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Council may so
	26	$remove\ him\ by\ an\ instrument\ in\ writing\ signed\ on\ the\ directions\ of\ the\ Council.$
	27	(3) The Executive Director may, in a case of gross misconduct by a
	28	member of staff which in the opinion of the Executive Director is prejudicial to
	29	the interest of the Institute, suspend such member and any such suspension

 $shall\ immediately\ be\ reported\ to\ the\ Council.$

appointment may be terminated by Council for a good cause and, for the purposes of this subsection, "good cause" means- (a) conviction for any
purposes of this subsection, "good cause" means- (a) conviction for any
offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person
concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office;
(b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person
concerned unfit to continue to hold office;
(c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the
Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to
continue to hold office; or
(d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute
failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his
office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
(5) Any person suspended under subsection (3) of this section shall
be on half pay and the Council shall, before the expiration of a period of
three months from the date of such suspension, consider the case against that
person and come to a decision as to whether to- (a) continue such person's
suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion
of his emoluments to be paid to him);
(b) reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his
full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;
(c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which
case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments
withheld during the period of suspension; and (d) take such lesser
disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such
proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council
may determine.
(6) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue

a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against

the person, the Council shall,

	2	before the expiration of three months from such decision, come to a fina
	3	determination in respect of the case concerning such a person.
	4	(7) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in
	5	pursuance of subsection (I) of this section shall use his best endeavors' to cause
	6	a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the
	7	person to whom it relates.
	8	(8) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Council from making
	9	regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of the Institute as may be
Removal of xaminer	10	appropriate.
Adminer	11	17(1) If, on the recommendation of the Executive Director or, i
	12	Examiner appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any
	13	examination of the Institute ought to be removed from his office of
	14	appointment, then, the Senate may, after affording the examiner an opportunity
	15	of making representations in person on the matter, direct the Executive
	16	Director to remove the examiner by an instrument in writing signed by the
	17	Registrar.
	18	(2) Subject to the provisions of any regulation made under this Bill
	19	the Executive Director may, on the recommendation of Senate, appoint ar
	20	appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed.
	21	(3) The Registrar shall on signing an instrument of removal under this
	22	section, use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as
Disciplinary ction on students	23	soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
ction on students	24	18(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to
	25	the Executive Director that any student is guilty of misconduct, the Executive
	26	Director may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred or
	27	him by Statute or regulations, direct that the-
	28	(a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the
	29	direction, participate in such activities of the Institute or make use of such
	30	facilities of the Institute as may be so specified;

1	(b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be	
2	specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so	
3	specified;	
4	(c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the	
5	direction; or	
6	(d) student be expelled from the Institute.	
7	(2) Where a direction is given under subsection (I)(c) or (d) of this	
8	section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed	
9	period and in the prescribed manner, appeal against the direction to the	
10	Senate.	
11	(3) Where an appeal is brought under subsection (2) of this section,	
12	the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the	
13	Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in	
14	such manner as the Senate thinks fit.	
15	(4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought under	
16	subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction	
17	while the appeal is pending.	
18	(5) The Executive Director may delegate his powers under this	
19	section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the Institute as	
20	he may nominate.	
21	(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the	
22	restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Institute for conduct	
23	which in the opinion of the Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the Institute	
24	or to its corporate objective or image.	
25	(7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be	
26	combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.	
27	PART IV - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS	Discrimination
28	19(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to	
29	race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place of birth, family origin, religious	
30	or political persuasion, as a condition for becoming or continuing to be a-	

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	2	(a) student in the Institute;
	3	(b) holder of any degree, appointment or employment in the Institute;
	4	(c) member of any body established by virtue of this Bill.
	5	(2) No person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any
	6	advantage in relation to the Institute by reference to any of the matters referred
	7	to in subsection (1) of this section.
	8	(3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as
	9	preventing the Institute from imposing any disability or restriction on any of
	10	the persons specified in subsection (1) of this section, where such persons
	11	willfully refuse or fail on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty
	12	generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them
Application of the Land Use Act	13	which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances, is in the
Cap. L5 LFN, 2004	14	opinion of the Institute reasonably justifiable in the national interest.
	15	20. -(1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act, which provides for the
	16	compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes, any purpose of the
	17	Institute shall be the same as that of the Federation.
	18	(2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Government
	19	pursuant to this section, the Government may, by a certificate under the hand
Consent of Visitor in Land deals	20	and seal of the Chief Federal Lands Officer or any other person authorized in
Cap. L5 LFN, 2004	21	that behalf transfer it to the Institute.
	22	21. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the
	23	Institute shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land,
	24	including any land transferred to the Institute by this Act, except with the prior
	25	written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor:
	26	PROVIDED that such consent shall not be required in the case of any
Quorum	27	lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years of any lease or
	28	tenancy to a member of the Institute for residential purpose.
	29	22. Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or by regulation,

1	the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Act	Committees
2	shall be such as may be determined by that body.	
3	23(1) Any body of persons established by this Act shall, without	
4	prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint	
5	committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body	
6	and authorize a committee established by it to-	
7	(a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine,	
8	and	
9	(b) co-opt members and direct whether or not coopted members	
10	shall be entitled to vote in that committee.	
11	(2) Any two or more of such bodies may arrange for holding of	
12	joint meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of Committees	
13	consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any	
14	matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them and either	
15	dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.	
16	(3) Except as may be otherwise provided by a Statute or regulation,	
17	the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held	
18	pursuant to this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or	
19	bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.	
20	(4) The Pro-Chancellor and the Executive Director shall be	
21	members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly	
22	appointed by the Council, other than a committee appointed to inquire into	
23	the conduct of the officer in question. and the Executive Director shall be a	
24	member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly	
25	appointed by the Senate.	
26	(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as enabling-	
27	(a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section	
28	11 or this Bill; or	
29	(b) the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations to	Seal of the Institute

award degrees or other qualifications.

	2	24 (1) The seal of the Institute shall be such as may be determined by
	3	the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing of the seal shall-
	4	(a) in the case of certificates issued by the Institute, be authenticated
	5	by the Executive Director and the Registrar; and
	6	(b) in the case of any other document, be authenticated by any
	7	member of Council, the Executive Director and the Registrar or any other
	8	person authorized by Statute.
	9	(2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the
	10	seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary
	11	is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
	12	(3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
	13	not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be
	14	made or executed on behalf of the Institute by any person generally or specially
	15	authorized to do so by the Council without seal.
	16	(4) The validity of the proceedings of anybody established pursuant to
	17	this Bill shall not be affected by-
	18	(a) any vacancy in the membership of the body;
	19	(b) any defect with appointment of a member of the body; or
	20	(c) by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the
	21	proceedings.
	22	(5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in
	23	any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his
Cap. 1123, 2004	24	interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.
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	26	(6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act, which provides for
	27	the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental
	28	provisions, shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made under this Bill.
	29	(7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make Statutes or
	30	Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any-

1	(a) Statute, including the Statute contained in the Second Schedule	
2	to this Bill,; or	
3	(b) Regulation by a subsequent Statute or Regulation as the case	
4	may be, provided that the Statutes and Regulations may have different	
5	provisions in relation to different circumstances.	
6	(8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any	
7	transfer of property to the Institute by virtue of sections 10,21, and the	
8	Second Schedule to this Bill.	
9	(9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue	
10	of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by	Proposal and
11	post.	recommendation
12	25. Where in any provisions of this Bill, it is laid down that	
13	proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one	
14	authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, every	
15	such intermediate authority shall forward any proposal or recommendation	
16	received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate authority; but any	
17	such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own	Pre-action notice
18	comments thereon.	
19	26. A person who has a cause of action against the Institute shall-	
20	(a) give the Institute three months notice, in writing, of intention to	
21	commence an action, disclosing the cause of action and served the processes	
22	to the principal office of the Institute; and	
23	(b) commence the legal action within two years from the date the	Repeal
24	cause of action arose.	
25	27. The National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act Cap. N50	Savings and transitional
26	Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 is repealed.	provisions
27	28(1) All assets, rights, liabilities, interests, and obligations	
28	vested in the National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act Cap N50 Laws	
29	of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, before the commencement of this Bill,	
30	shall after commencement of this Bill be vested in the National Institute for	

	1	Nigerian Languages.
	2	(2) All staff of National Institute for Nigerian Languages existing
	3	before the commencement of this Bill shall after commencement of this Bill
nterpretation	4	continue to be staff of National Institute for Nigerian Languages in accordance
	5	with the terms of appointment.
	6	29. In this Bill-
	7	"Appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority authorized by
	8	law to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject matter;
	9	"Campus" means any campus which may be established by the Institute;
	10	"College" means any college which may be established by the Institute;
	11	"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
	12	"Government" means the Federal Government of Nigeria;
	13	"Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree,
	14	has been conferred by the Institute to him;
	15	"Gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behavior that
	16	may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or regulation made,
	17	under this Bill;
	18	"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education;
	19	"Misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of the
	20	Institute and or discipline and the proper administration of the business of the
	21	Institute;
	22	"Officer" does not include the Visitor;
	23	"Prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or regulation made under this Bill;
	24	"Professor" means a person designated as a professor of the Institute in
	25	accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or regulations;
	26	"Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;
	27	"regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council;
	28	"Senate" means the Senate of the Institute established by this Bill',
	29	"Statute" means a Statute made by the Institute under section 11 of this Bill:

"The provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the

1	Institute by the President;	
2	"Teacher" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of	
3	the teaching or research staff of the Institute; and	Citation
4	"The Institute" means the National Institute for Nigerian Languages.	
5	30. This Bill may be cited as National Institute for Nigerian	
6	Languages Bill, 2020.	
7	FIRST SCHEDULE	
8	PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE	
9	The Chancellor	
10	1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by, and hold office at the	
11	pleasure of, the President.	
12	The Pro-Chancellor	
13	2. The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office	
14	by the President.	
15	The Executive Director	
16	3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the	
17	Executive Director shall be in accordance with the provision of the	
18	Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.	
19	4(1) There shall be for the Institute, two Deputy Executive	
20	Directors or such number of Deputy Executive Directors as the Council	
21	may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the	
22	Institute.	
23	(2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of a Deputy	
24	Executive Director shall be in accordance with the provision of the	
25	Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.	
26	(3) A Deputy Executive Director shall-	
27	(a) assist the Executive Director in the performance of his	
28	functions under Section 3(2) (b), act in place of the Executive Director when	
29	the post of the Executive Director is vacant or if the Executive Director is,	
30	for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Executive	

1	Director; and
2	(b) perform such other functions as the Executive Director or the
3	Council may, from time to time, assign to him.
4	Office of the Registrar, Bursar and Institute Librarian
5	5(1) There shall be for the Institute, a Registrar, who shall be the
6	Chief Administrative Officer of the Institute and shall be responsible to the
7	Executive Director for the day-today administration of the Institute except as
8	regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with
9	paragraph 6 (2) of this schedule.
10	(2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall, by virtue of that
11	office, be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.
12	(3) The Registrar shall hold office for such period and on such terms
13	and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of
14	appointment.
15	6(1) There shall be for the Institute, the following Principal Officers
16	in addition to the Registrar-
17	(a) the Bursar; and
18	(b) the Institute Librarian.
19	(2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Institute and
20	shall be responsible to the Executive Director for the day-to-day
21	administration and control of the financial affairs of the Institute.
22	(3) The Institute Librarian shall be responsible to the Executive
23	Director for the administration of the Institute Library and the co-ordination of
24	all library services in the Institute and its campuses, colleges, faculties,
25	schools, departments and institutes and other teaching or research units.
26	(4) The Bursar and the Institute Librarian shall each hold office for
27	such period and on such terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be
28	specified in their letters of appointment.
29	7. There shall be for the Institute, a Director of Works, who shall be
30	responsible to the Executive Director for the administration of the Works

1	Department, and shall be responsible for all works, services and
2	maintenance of Institute facilities.
3	8. There shall be for the Institute, a Director of Health Services,
4	who shall be responsible to the Executive Director for the administration of
5	the Health Centre and he shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the Institute
6	and shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.
7	9(1) Any officer mentioned in this Schedule may resign his office
8	in-
9	(a) the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the
10	Visitor;
11	(b) in the case of the Executive Director, by notice to the Council
12	which shall immediately notify the Minister.
13	(2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned
14	otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-
15	appointment to that office.
16	SECOND SCHEDULE
17	NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NIGERIAN LANGUAGES STATUTE NO.1
18	Articles:
19	1. The Council
20	2. Finance and General Purpose Committee
21	3. The Senate
22	4. The Congregation
23	5. The Convocation
24	6. Organization of Faculties and the Branches thereof
25	7. Faculty Board
26	8. The Dean of the Faculty
27	9. Selection of certain Principal and other key officers
28	10. Creation of Academic Post
29	11. Appointment of Academic Staff
30	12. Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff

1	The Council
2	1(I)Any member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6(e)
3	(D(g) or(h) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council resign his office.
4	(2) A member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6(e) (D
5	(g) or (h) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office or
6	the expiration of a period of four years starting.
7	(3) Where a member of Council holding office pursuant to section
8	6(e) (f) (g) or (h) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of his tenure
9	the body that appointed him may appoint a successor to hold office for the
10	residue of his unexpired term.
11	(4) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of Council otherwise
12	than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only
13	one further period of four years.
14	(5) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shal
15	be a member pursuant to section 6(d) and (e) of this Bill.
16	(6) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, the
17	members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to be the Chairman a
18	that meeting, and subject to section 5 of this Bill and the provisions of this
19	paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.
20	(7) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any
21	particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and
22	the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any
23	meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.
24	(8) The Council constituted by this Bill shall have a four year tenure
25	from the date of its inauguration, provided that where a Council is found to be
26	incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor and a new Counci
27	$shall \ be \ immediately \ constituted \ for the \ effective \ functioning \ of \ the \ Institute.$
28	(9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance with
29	the laws and Statutes of the Institute, and to that extent, establishment circulars

1	that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the Institute shall not apply
2	to the Institute.
3	The Finance and General Purpose Committee
4	2(1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee of the Council
5	shall consist of-
6	(a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the
7	Committee at any meeting at which he is present;
8	(b) the Executive Director and a Deputy Executive Director;
9	(c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two
10	of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council
11	appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among
12	members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and
13	(d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in
14	his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent
15	him.
16	(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.
17	(3) Subject to any direction given by the Council, the Committee
18	may regulate its own procedure.
19	The Senate
20	3(1) There shall be a Senate for the Institute consisting of-
21	(a) the Executive Director;
22	(b) the Deputy Executive Directors;
23	(c) all Professors of the Institute;
24	(d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic Units of the
25	Institute;
26	(e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research
27	Institutes of the Institute;
28	(f) the Institute Librarian; and
29	(g) academic members of the Congregation who are not Professors
30	as specified in the Laws of the Institute.

1	(2) The Executive Director shall be the Chairman at all meetings of
2	the Senate when he is present and, in his absence, one of the Deputy Executive
3	Directors appointed by him shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
4	(3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter, or the nearest
5	whole number less than one quarter, and subject to paragraph (2), the Senate
6	may regulate its own procedure.
7	(4) If so requested in writing by any 10 members of the Senate, the
8	Executive Director, or, in his absence a person duly appointed by him shall
9	convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day
10	following that on which the request was received.
11	Congregation
12	4(1) The Congregation shall consist of-
13	(a) the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Directors;
14	(b) the full time members of the academic staff;
15	(c) the Registrar;
16	(d) the Bursar; and
17	(e) every member of the administrative and technical staff who holds
18	a degree of any Institute recognized for the purpose of this Statute by the
19	Executive Director, not being an honorary degree.
20	(2) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Executive Director shall be the
21	Chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present, and, in his
22	absence, one of the Deputy Executive Directors appointed by him shall be the
23	Chairman at the meeting.
24	(3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one-third, or the nearest
25	whole number to one third, of the total number of members of Congregation or
26	fifty, whichever is less.
27	(4) A certificate signed by the Executive Director specifying-
28	(a) the total number of members of the Congregation for the purposes
29	of any particular meeting or meetings of the Congregation, or
30	(b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation

l	during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as
2	the case may be of the names of those persons.
3	(5) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the Congregation
1	may regulate its own procedure.
5	(6) The Congregation shall be entitled to express by, resolution or
5	otherwise, its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the
7	Institute and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of
3	electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or
)	regulations.
10	The Convocation
11	5(1) The Convocation shall consist of-
12	(a) the Officers of the Institute mentioned in the First Schedule to
13	this Bill;
14	(b) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill; and
15	(c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with
16	sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph.
17	(2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a
18	member of the convocation if he-
19	(a) is either a graduate of the Institute or a person satisfying such
20	requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
21	(b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner
22	and pays the prescribed fee.
23	(3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and
24	maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to
25	$sub-paragraph \ (3), may \ provide \ for \ the \ payment \ from \ time \ to \ time \ of \ further$
26	fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the $$
27	register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
28	(4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall,
29	without the payment of any fee, ensure that the names of all persons who are
30	for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of sub-paragraph $$

(I)(a) or (b) of this paragraph are entered and retained in the register.

2	(5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his
3	name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register, or a
4	copy of the register at the principal offices of the Institute at all reasonable
5	times.
6	(6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient
7	evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named
8	therein is not, a member of the convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining
9	whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entry
10	in, and deletion from, the register made on or after that date shall be
11	disregarded.
12	(7) The quorum of the Convocation shall be fifty or one-third, or the
13	whole number nearest to one-third, of the total number of members of the
14	Convocation whichever is less.
15	(8) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Chancellor shall be Chairman
16	at all meetings of the Convocation when he is present, and, in his absence, the
17	Executive Director shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
18	(9) The Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the
19	$function \ of \ appointing \ a \ member \ of the \ Council, \ as \ may \ be \ provided \ by \ Statute.$
20	Organization of faculties and Branches Thereof
21	6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may
22	be prescribed.
23	7(1) There shall be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty
24	Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions
25	of the Executive Director, shall-
26	(a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of
27	examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the faculty;
28	(b) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, the Executive
29	Director or the Senate; and
30	(c) advise the Executive Director or Senate on any matter referred to it

1	by the Executive Director or Senate.
2	(2) Each Faculty Board shall consists of-
3	(a) the Executive Director;
4	(b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;
5	(c) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having
6	the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
7	(d) such persons whether or not members of the Institute as the
8	Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.
9	(3) The quorum of the Board shall be 8 members or one-quarter of
10	the members of the Board for the time being, whichever is greater.
11	(4) Subject to the provisions of this Statute and any provision made
12	by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.
13	The Dean of the Faculty
14	8(1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the
15	Faculty Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years and
16	may be eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he
17	may not be elected again until two years have elapsed.
18	(2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Executive Director shall
19	appoint an acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer
20	for the faculty, who shall act for a period of one year in the first instance,
21	renewable for another one year only.
22	(3) In the absence of the Executive Director, the Dean shall be the
23	Chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he
24	shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the
25	faculty.
26	(4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence
27	over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and shall present
28	to the Convocation for the conferment of Degrees, persons who have
29	qualified for the Degrees of the Institute at examinations held in the
30	branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that faculty.

1	(5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of
2	Deans which shall consist of all the Deans of the several faculties and that
3	committee shall advise the Executive Director on all academic matters and on
4	particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.
5	(6) The Dean of a faculty may be removed from office for a good
6	cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of
7	the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of the
8	Dean, an Billing Dean may be appointed by the Executive Director provided
9	that at the next faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.
10	(7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 17
11	(4) of this Bill.
12	Selection of certain Principal and Other Key Officers
13	9(1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar,
14	the Institute Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a
15	Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of-
16	(a) the Pro-Chancellor;
17	(b) the Executive Director;
18	(c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of
19	Senate; and
20	(d) two members appointed by the Senate not being members of
21	Council.
22	(2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,
23	shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant
24	office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board, the Council
25	may make an appointment to that office.
26	(3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or Director
27	of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such terms and
28	conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
29	Creation of Academic Post
30	10. Recommendation for the creation of posts other than those

1	mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule shall be made by the Senate to the
2	Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
3	Appointment of Academic Staff
4	11. Subject to this Bill and the Statute made under it, the filling of
5	vacancies in academic posts, including newly created ones, shall be as
6	prescribed from time to time by Statute.
7	Appointment of Technical Staff Administrative and Technical Staff
8	12(1) The administrative and technical staff of the Institute, other
9	than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule, shall be appointed by
10	the Councilor on its behalf by the Executive Director or the Registrar in
11	accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that
12	behalf.
13	(2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and
	important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

participation in the process of selection.

This Bill seeks to repeal National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act and establish National Institute for Nigerian Languages, to ensure that the legal framework of the Institute conforms to the regulations of National Universities Commission in order to enable the institute to continue to run degree programmes.