

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT 2004, TO AMONG OTHER THINGS WIDEN THE SCOPE OF CHOICE OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION BY INCLUDING A LEGAL PRACTITIONER, RETIRED OR SERVING HIGH COURT JUDGE AMONG THOSE ELIGIBLE TO BE APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION AND TO LIMIT THEIR TENURE TO A SINGLE TERM OF FIVE YEARS; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Senator Mohammed Sani Musa*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission      Amendment of
- 2 (Establishment) Act 2004,(in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is      the Principal Act
- 3 amended as set out in this Bill.
- 4           **2.** The Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing-      Amendment of
- 5           (a) section 2 subsection (1)(ii) for a new subsection "(1)(ii)"-      section 2 and 3
- 6           "(1)(ii) be a serving or retired member of any government security      of the Principal
- 7 or law enforcement agency or a legal practitioner or any person of high      Act
- 8 integrity not below the rank of a High Court Judge, Assistant Commissioner
- 9 of Police or equivalent"; and
- 10          (b) section 3 subsection (1) for a new subsection "(1)":
- 11          “(1) The Chairman and members of the Commission other than ex-
- 12 officio members shall hold office for a period of a single term of five years
- 13 and no more.”
- 14          **3.** This Bill may be cited as Economic and Financial Crimes      Citation
- 15 Commission (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act 2004, in order to widen the scope of choice of Chairman of the Commission by including a legal Practitioner, retired or serving High Court Judge among those eligible to be appointed as Chairman of the Commission and to limit their tenure to a single term of five years and no more.