

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT OF NIGERIA ACT CAP A20 LAWS OF FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF JUNIOR OFFICERS IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE NIGERIAN ARMY COUNCIL, NIGERIAN NAVY BOARD AND NIGERIAN AIR COUNCIL RESPECTIVELY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** The Armed Forces Act Cap A20 Laws of Federation of Nigeria  
2           2004 (in this Bill is referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out  
3           under this Bill. Amendment of  
the Armed Forces  
Act of Nigeria  
Cap A20 LFN  
2004
- 4           **2.** Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by  
5           inserting, after the existing paragraph "(c)", a new paragraph (d)- Amendment of  
Section 9 of the  
Principal Act  
6           "(d) a representative of junior officers of the Nigerian Army, who  
7           shall be nominated and elected by junior officers, shall serve for a term of 2  
8           years and no more"
- 9           **3.** Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by Amendment of  
Section 13 of the  
Principal Act  
10          inserting, after the existing paragraph "(c)", a new paragraph (d)-  
11          “(d) a representative of the junior officers of the Nigerian Navy,  
12          who shall be nominated and elected by the junior officers, and shall serve for  
13          a term of 2 years and no more."
- 14          **4.** Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by Amendment of  
Section 16 of the  
Principal Act  
15          inserting, after the existing paragraph "(c)", a new paragraph (d)-  
16          “(d) include a representative of the junior officers of the Nigerian  
17          Air Force, who shall be nominated and elected by the junior officers, and  
18          shall serve for a term of 2 years and no more."

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Amendment of Section 291 of the Principal Act	1	<b>5.</b> Section 291 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, in an
	2	alphabetical order, the following definitions-
	3	"junior officers" means officers below the rank of Major or its equivalent in the
	4	Nigerian Army, Nigerian Navy and Nigerian Air Force .
Citation	5	<b>6.</b> The Bill may be cited as the Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill,
	6	2024.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include junior officers in the composition of the Nigeria Army Council, Nigeria Navy Board and Nigeria Air Council. This is aimed at promoting inclusivity and ensuring that the views and interests of junior officers are adequately represented in the decision-making processes of the Nigerian Armed Forces.