

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INTERPRETATION ACT, CAP. I7, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE THAT FOR ANY PERSON TO BE QUALIFIED TO "ACT" IN ANY OFFICE, THE PERSON MUST BE QUALIFIED TO HOLD THE SUBSTANTIVE POSITION AND SUCH ACTING POSITION MUST NOT BE BEYOND SIX MONTHS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019 (HB. 137).

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

PROVISION OF BILL	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION	REMARK
<p>Amendment of Cap. I7, LFN, 2004.</p> <p>1. The Interpretation Act, Cap. I7 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.</p>	Retained	
<p>Amendment of section 11.</p> <p>2. The Principal Act is hereby amended in section 11 by —</p> <p>(i) inserting a new subsection (3) as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Provided that the power shall only be exercised if the person sought to be appointed is qualified to hold the substantive office”.</p> <p>(ii) by adding a new subsection (4) as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“No law shall enable a person “to act” beyond six months in any single instance”</p>	Retained	
<p>Amendment of section 18 (1).</p> <p>3. The Principal Act is hereby amended by adding the definition of child after the definition of “act” but before “chief” as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Child" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Child Rights' Act, 2003, and adding the definition of youth immediately after "year"</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Youth" means a person who is eighteen years and above but below (50) years.</p>	Retained	
<p>Citation.</p> <p>4. This Bill may be cited as Interpretation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018.</p>	Retained	
<p>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</p> <p>This Bill seeks to amend the Interpretation Act, 2004 by among other things, providing that for any person to be qualified to "act" in any office, the person must be qualified to hold the substantive position and such an acting position cannot be beyond six months, Child and Youth are defined.</p>	Retained	