



**THE SENATE**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
Committee on Establishment & Public Service

**REPORT**

**OF**

**A**

**BILL FOR**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES ACT, 2011 TO AMONG OTHER THINGS CHANGE THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTE FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES TO NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES IN ORDER TO EMPOWER THE INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND RESEARCH SERVICES IN LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (SB:354)**

*June, 2017.*

# THE REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHMENT & PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES ACT, 2011 (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017 (SB 359)

## INTRODUCTION

National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB 359) was sponsored by Distinguished Senator Ali Ndume. The Bill was Read the First time on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016.

Mr. President and Distinguished Colleagues you may recall that the Senate at its sitting of Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 debated extensively the general principles of the Bill, read it a Second Time and referred same to the Committee on Establishment & Public Service for further Legislative action.

### 1.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE BILL

This Bill seeks to amend the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011 to among other things change the name of the Institute from National Institute for Legislative Studies to National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies in order to empower the Institute to

provide training and research services in legislative and democratic studies.

### 3.0. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

3.1. To enable the compliance with necessary legislative processes and given contemporary trends and international best practices in legislative development, the bill was subjected to appropriate legislative procedures and actions as follows:

- i. Conducting Public hearing on the Bill in which experts, stakeholders and consultants on the field made presentations;
- ii. Examined and analyzed contemporary practice, traditions, conventions of legislative and democratic systems with a view to conform with international best practices prescriptions;
- iii. Subjecting the Bill to other legislative processes and procedures as contained in the attached clause by clause analysis and remarks.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee having subjected the Bill to necessary legislative actions hereto recommends that the Senate do consider the amended Bill attached hereto for a Third Reading and passage accordingly.

We so recommend.

## CONCLUSION

The Committee hereto thanks the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for giving its members the opportunity to serve.



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*Senator Emmanuel Paulker*  
*Chairman*



**Mrs. Edith Ajah**  
**Committee Clerk**



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CLAUSES	PROVISIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT	PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION	REMARKS
1.		<p><b>Amendment of the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011</b></p> <p>1. The National Institute for Legislative Studies Act 2011 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.</p>	<p><b>Amendment of the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011</b></p> <p>1. Retained as in the Bill</p>	
2.	<p><b>Establishment of the Institute</b></p> <p>There is established the National Institute for Legislative Studies (in this Act referred to as "the Institute").</p>	<p><b>Amendment of Section 1</b></p> <p>3. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "Legislative" the Words "and Democracy".</p>	<p><b>Amendment of Section 1</b></p> <p>3. Retained as in the Bill</p>	
3.	<p><b>Functions and Objectives of the Institute.</b></p> <p>2. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Institute shall be charged with the responsibility of conducting quality</p>	<p><b>Amendment of the Functions and Objectives of the Institute</b></p> <p>4. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended-</p>	<p><b>Amendment of the Functions and Objectives of the Institute</b></p> <p>4. Retained as in the Bill</p>	

	<p>academic and professional research, training and advocacy on democratic governance and legislative practice and procedures.</p> <p>(2) The Institute shall have Powers to:</p> <p>(a) act as a centre of excellence for research and publication on democratic governance and legislative practice and procedures;</p> <p>(b) act as a centre for continuing education on democracy and legislation;</p> <p>(c) promote and disseminate among legislative assemblies in Nigeria the practice of science based methodologies of law-making;</p> <p>(d) promote and protect</p>			
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	<p>constitutional due process in legislative practices;</p> <p>(e) promote critical research material and policy insights as background materials for committees of the National Assembly;</p> <p>(f) improve the capacity of legislators to sustain and consolidate democratic governance through deliberation a</p> <p>(g) improve the technical capacity of legislative staff, committee secretaries and political aids to process appropriation bills and policy oversight of the executive;</p> <p>(h) document and publish for public use the history and politics of the legislature in governance in Nigeria</p>			
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	<p>from colonial period to the present;</p> <p>(i) conduct periodic training on democratic principles for members of the Armed Forces;</p> <p>(j) monitor elections;</p> <p>(k) provide interface between democratic institutions and the civil societies;</p> <p>(l) sensitize the Nigerian public to imbibe, support and defend democratic and legislative ethics; and</p> <p>(m) undertake such other incidental responsibilities relating to the development, consolidation and advancement of legislative independence.</p>	<p>(a) in subsection (2), by inserting new paragraphs "(n); (o); and (p)" after the existing paragraph (m)-</p>	<p>Retained as in the Bill</p>	
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	<p>(3) The Institute shall also have powers to:</p> <p>(a) Conduct periodic short and refresher courses for National and State legislators, staff: committee secretaries and political aides on democracy and good governance;</p> <p>(b) provide research reports for legislation for the</p>	<p>“(n) act as the centre for continuing education and advocacy on democratic processes and institutions”;</p> <p>“(o) undertake periodic review of the budget processes and legislative procedure”;</p> <p>“(p) periodic analysis of Federal Government economic policy and its implications on the economic growth and development of Nigeria”;</p> <p>(b) in subsection (3) (a) by inserting after the word “democratic” a coma (,) and legislative practice”;</p>	<p>Retained as in the Bill</p> <p>Deleted</p> <p>Deleted</p> <p>Retained as in the Bill</p>	<p>Sub-clause(2), paragraphs (o) and (p) of the draft Bill have been deleted because they interfere with the statutory mandate of NABRO.</p>
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<p>National Assembly, their committees or the Legal Services Department of the National Assembly;</p> <p>(c) produce independent policy responses to legislation or policies pending before either Chamber of the National Assembly;</p> <p>(d) initiate and encourage legislative drafting courses in tertiary institutions in Nigeria and abroad;</p> <p>(e) encourage private sector participation and collaborate with national and international organizations on research and training on issues relevant to its mandate;</p> <p>(f) run and maintain quality and world class libraries and database on the legislative system and democratic governance;</p>	<p>(c) in subsection (3) (d) by inserting after the word "tertiary" the words "Hand professional";</p>	<p>(c) in subsection (3) (d) by inserting after the word "tertiary" the words "Hand <b>and</b> professional";</p>	
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	<p>(g) be involved in teaching, training and research on political culture and political development among others;</p> <p>(h) develop training curricula for schools and tertiary institutions on democratic, legislative practice and procedures, political culture, civics, ethics and political development;</p> <p>(i) provide training courses on democracy, legislative practice and procedures, political culture and development;</p> <p>(j) engage visiting scholars and fellows to participate in its academic research programmes;</p>	<p>(d) in subsection (3) (h) by inserting after the word "schools" the words "professional";</p> <p>(e) in subsection (3) (i) by substituting the existing paragraph (i)-  “(i) provide training courses on democracy, party policies, electoral process, legislative practice and procedures, political culture and development”; and</p> <p>(f) in subsection (3) (j) by inserting after the word "its" the words "professional and;</p>	<p>Retained as in the Bill</p> <p>Retained as in the Bill</p> <p>Retained as in the Bill</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>Substitution of the Interpretation of the word</b>	<b>Substitution of the Interpretation of the word</b>	

	<p><b>24.</b> In this Act:</p> <p>"Institute" means the National Institute for Legislative Studies.</p>	<p><b>"institute"</b></p> <p><b>5.</b> Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing interpretation of the word "Institute" to mean the "National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies".</p>	<p><b>"institute"</b></p> <p><b>5.</b> Retained as in the Bill</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Short Title</b></p> <p>National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011</p>	<p><b>Amendment of the Short Title</b></p> <p><b>2.</b> The Short Title of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "Legislative" the words "and Democratic"</p>	<p><b>Amendment of the Short Title</b></p> <p><b>2.</b> Retained as in the Bill</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Citation</b></p> <p><b>25.</b> The Act may be cited as the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011.</p>	<p><b>Amendment of Citation</b></p> <p><b>6.</b> Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the entire proviso and substituting with the following-</p> <p><b>Citation</b></p> <p><b>25.</b> This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies Bill, 2017.</p>	<p><b>Amendment of Citation</b></p> <p><b>6.</b> Retained as in the Bill</p>	
		<p><b>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</b></p> <p>This Bill seeks to amend the National Institute for Legislative</p>	<p><b>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</b></p> <p>Retained as in the Bill</p>	

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