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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

REPORT

ON

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF
SOIL SCIENCE (EST. ETC.) AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS BILL
2016 (SB 126)**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Senate at its sitting on Thursday, 14th April, 2016 read for the Second time, the Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Est. Etc.) Bill 2016 SB 126 and referred same to the Committee on Agriculture & Rural Development for further legislative action. The Bill seeks to regulate the profession of soil science and to make provisions for the establishment, functions and administration of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science and to promote rapid sustainability of high quality soil through scientific methods, and regulate all issues pertaining to soil management in Nigeria.

1.1 Membership

The membership of the Committee is as follows -

S/N	Name	Designation
1.	Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Adamu CON	Chairman
2.	Senator Theodore Orji CON	Vice Chairman
3.	Senator Emmanuel Bwacha CON	Member
4.	Senator Muhammed Adamu Aliero	Member
5.	Senator Dr. Dada Joseph Gbolahan	Member
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10.	Senator Ovie Omo-Agege	Member
11.	Senator Shitu Muhammed Ubali	Member
12.	Athanasius Achonu Nneji	Member
	Secretariat: Dr. (Mrs.) Fortune Ihua-Maduenyi	Clerk to the Committee

2.0 COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL

2.1 METHODOLOGY

In carrying out this assignment, the Committee adopted the following methodology:

- i. Conducted Public Hearing on Thursday, June 2, 2016 in order to get the views and opinions of stake-holders and the general public;
- ii. Collated memoranda from the general public; and
- iii. Consulted with legal drafting experts.

The following participants were present at the Public Hearing and made contributions:-

Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Education, President Soil Science Society of Nigeria, Executive Secretary Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria, President All Farmers Association of Nigeria, Academics and practitioners in the field of Soil Science, agronomy and meteorology from various Universities, Research Institutes and Colleges; Civil Society Organisations and other stakeholders also made meaningful contributions.

From the information gathered, the Committee had a clause by clause consideration of the Bill and came up with some minor amendments.

3.0 OBSERVATIONS

Mr. President and my Distinguished Colleagues, the Committee observed that overtime, there has been increasing concern about the environmental consequences of some agricultural practices and policies. Our principal concern is how best to meet the needs of present and future generations in terms of food, shelter etc. without destroying the soil, water resources base and the environment. Getting our soils right is the first step in getting agriculture right. Getting our soils right will significantly help to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change.

Nigerian soils are fragile and have been rated by the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) to be from low to medium in productivity. The FAO notes that most of the country's soil can progress to good productivity if its resources are properly managed. In order to achieve this, land has to be managed for a long-term advantage. In this case, land use policies, soil conservation as well as effective land use are relevant. This would be in compliance with the World Soil Charter's requirements to governments to develop institutional framework for monitoring and supervising soil management and conservation, and for coordination between organisations involved in the use of the country's land resources in order to ensure the most rational choice among possible alternatives.

The negative impact of improper soil management and mis-use can result in devastating effects such as erosion and food insecurity among others. And if not curbed urgently would incur substantial economic cost to the country. Once we get our soil and environment right, our country will begin to export food crops she presently imports, desertification will cease, there will be sufficient vegetation and our ecosystem will be protected.

Nigeria is one of the 60 countries globally that has set up a Soil Science Society (Europe 30, America 15, Asia 10, Africa 3, Oceania 2). In essence, Nigeria has taken the right step in the right direction. However, to ensure full accreditation with the International Union of Soil Science (IUSS) and to meet international best practices, there is need to establish the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science as obtained in countries such as UK, India, China, France, Romania, South Africa among others.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

After a clause by clause consideration of the Bill which has Six (6) parts made up of 33 Sections, a Schedule, Short Title and an Explanatory Memorandum the Committee recommends as follows:

1. Retained Sections

Sections 1; 2 (b,c,d,g); 3 (b-f); 4 (1)(2)(a,f,g,h,i,k); 6(1), (2) b and c; 7 (a-c); 8; 9;10;11;12;13;14;15 (a-d); 16 9b); 17;18, 19;20;21 (4);22;23;24;25;26;27;29;30;31 (1); 32;33; 34; Schedule; Miscellaneous; Explanatory Memorandum.

2. Retained but Amended

Sections 2 (a) (e); 3 (a); 4(2)(b,d,j,l); 5; 6 (2)(a); 7(d); 12 (2); 15;16(a); 21 (1); 28;31(2); 33.

3. Deleted Sections

Sections 2 (f); 4 (2) (d i – xiv); 5 (a); 21 (2) and (3).

4. Renumbered Sections

Sections 2 (g)(h)(i)(j); 4 (e)(f)(g)(h)

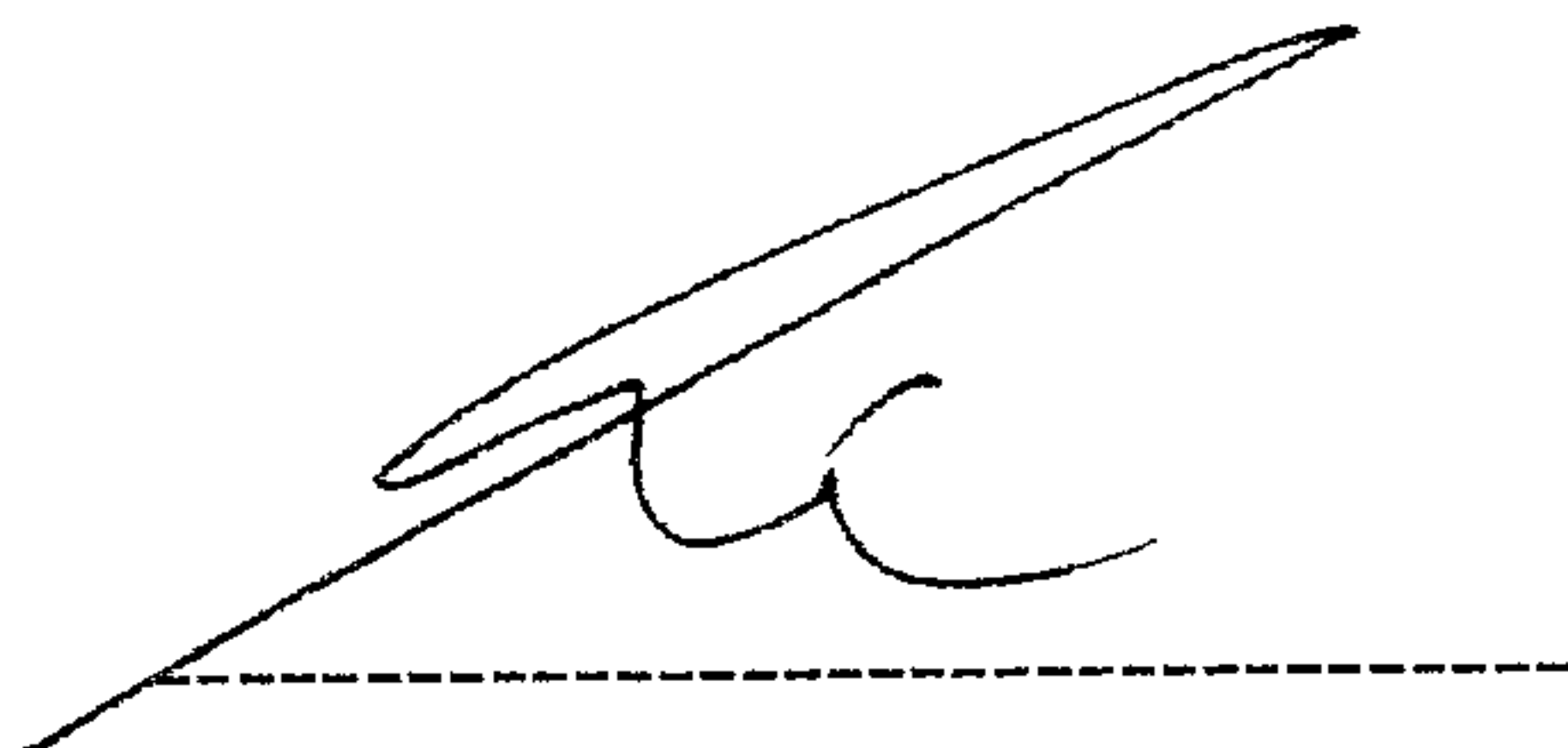
5. New Insertions

Sections 4 (2)(e); and 33.

The Committee strongly recommends that the passage of this Bill will provide necessary legal backing to international best practices, and also ensure that Soil Science practitioners in Nigeria uphold the ethics of the profession and guarantee the sustainability of high quality soil for efficient production and consistent supply of high quality food to Nigeria.

5.0 CONCLUSION





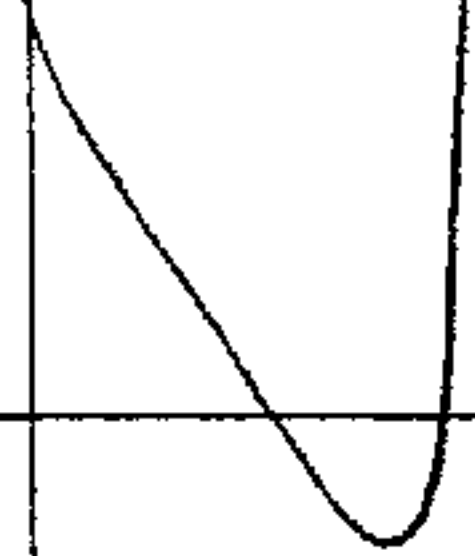
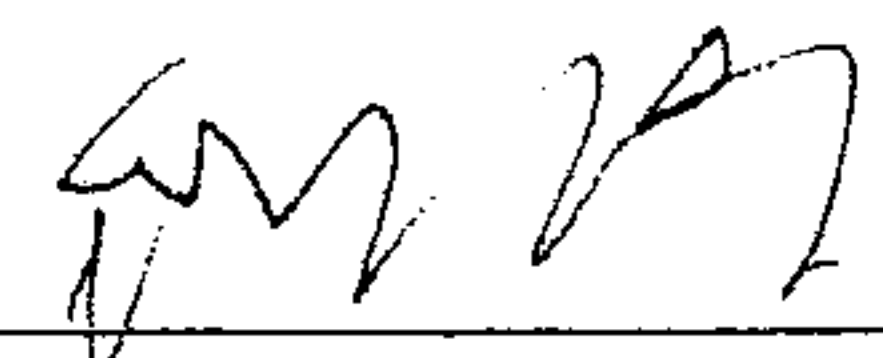


The Committee craves your support and wishes to thank the Senate President, Deputy Senate President, the entire senate leadership and all Distinguished colleagues for the opportunity given to the Committee to serve in this capacity.



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**A BILL
FOR**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF SOIL SCIENCE (EST. ETC.) AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS BILL 2016 (SB 126)

Clauses	Provisions of the Bill	Committee's Recommendation	Remarks
Commencement	BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:		
PART I – ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF INSTITUTE			
Establishment of Institute and Incorporation	<p>1.- (1) There is established for the profession of Soil Science, an Institute to be known as the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (in this Bill referred to as "Institute").</p> <p>(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued in its corporate name and shall have power to own, hold and dispose of property whether movable or immovable.</p>	1.- (1)	Retained
Functions of the Institute	<p>2.- The functions of the Institute are to -</p> <p>(a) prescribe and regulate the standards of academic qualification and practical skills to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as Members, Associates or Fellows of the Institute, as the case may be;</p>	2.-	Retained
	(b) regulate the practice of the profession for Soil Scientists;	(b)	Retained
	(c) establish, update and maintain a register of Soil Science Practitioners under this Bill according to their various ranks and to regulate the prerogatives and privileges pertaining to those ranks;	(c)	Retained
	(d) ensure that Soil Science Practitioners in Nigeria uphold the ethics of the profession and guarantee the sustainability of high quality soil;	(d)	Retained
	(e) advance the education, science, technology and art of Soil Science and Crop production;	(e)	Retained as amended
		(e) advance the education, science, technology and art of Soil Science and Crop production in collaboration with zonal coordinating Research Institutes;	Retained as amended

	(f) promote Soil quality Management;	(f) promote Soil quality Management;	Deleted
	(g) promote rapid sustainability of high quality soil through scientific methods, and regulate all issues pertaining to soil management in Nigeria;	(f)	Retained. Renumbered as 'f'
	(h) advise and encourage the enactment and the enforcement of laws that will guarantee efficient production and consistent supply of high quality food to Nigerians;	(g)	Retained. Renumbered as 'g'
	(i) educate the public on Soil Science activities; and	(h)	Retained. Renumbered as 'h'
	(j) co-operate or affiliate with any relevant association and Soil Science either locally or internationally; and	(i)	Retained. Renumbered as 'i'
Powers of the Institute	3.- The Institute shall have power to -	3.-	Retained
	(a) establish and promote research facilities and all manner of studies in Soil Science;	(a) establish and promote Soil and fertilizer testing facilities to support farmers on efficient fertilizer use;	Retained as amended
	(b) establish such offices, departments, units and branches of the Institute as may be required for the proper administration and operation of the Institute;	(b)	Retained
	(c) subject to such terms and conditions as the Institute may approve, engage staff, agents and other workers as the Institute may from time to time require for the performance of its functions under this Act;	(c)	Retained
	(d) establish necessary organization for the proper and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Institute;	(d)	Retained
	(e) provide staff regulations for all staff of the Institute and provide pension and welfare schemes for the staff; and	(e)	Retained
	(f) do such other acts and things as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the Institute.	(f)	Retained

ent of	4.- (1) There shall be established for the Institute a Governing Council to be known as the Council of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (in this Act referred to as the "Council").	4.- (1)	Retained
	(2) The Council shall consist of:-	(2)	Retained
	(a) the President;	(a)	Retained
	(b) the three Vice Presidents;(North, West and East);	(b) the Vice President	Retained as amended
	(c) the Registrar; and	(c)	Retained
	(d) fourteen persons who shall be elected by the Institute, respectively to represent each of the following disciplines of Soil Science studies;	(d) five representatives who shall be elected by the Soil Science Society of Nigeria to the Institute,	Retained as amended
	(i) Soil Fertility	(f) Soil Fertility	Deleted
	(ii) Soil Microbiology	(ii) Soil Microbiology	Deleted
	(iii) Soil Pedology	(iii) Soil Pedology	Deleted
	(iv) Soil Chemistry	(iv) Soil Chemistry	Deleted
	(v) Soil Physics	(v) Soil Physics	Deleted
	(vi) Soil Conservation Techniques	(vi) Soil Conservation Techniques	Deleted
	(vii) Soil quality and Environment	(vii) Soil quality and Environment	Deleted
	(viii) Pollution Management	(viii) Pollution Management	Deleted
	(ix) Fertilizer Technology	(ix) Fertilizer Technology	Deleted
	(x) Water Management and Conservation	(x) Water Management and Conservation	Deleted
	(xi) Soil Survey/Classification	(xi) Soil Survey/Classification	Deleted
	(xii) Land Use	(xii) Land Use	Deleted
	(xiii) Hydrology	(xiii) Hydrology	Deleted
	(xiv) Waste Management	(xiv) Waste Management	Deleted
	(e) The Minister of Agriculture or his representative;	(e) One representative from the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR & T).	New insertion Retained
	(f) The Minister of Agriculture or his representative;	(f)	Retained but renumbered as

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	(f) The Minister of Education or his representative;	(g)	Retained but renumbered as 'g'
	(g) The Minister of Environment or his representative;	(h)	Retained but renumbered as 'h'
	(h) The Minister of Science and Technology or his representative;	(i)	Retained but renumbered as 'i'
	(i) The Minister of Water Resources or his representative;	(i) The Minister of Water Resources or his representative;	Deleted
	(j) One representative of the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture to be elected by the Chamber;	(j) One representative to be nominated by Agro-allied division of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN)	Retained as amended.
	(k) One person to be elected by the Institute to represent agro-allied industries;	(k)	Retained
	(l) Three persons to be elected by the Institute to represent the various faculties, colleges and universities of Agriculture in Nigeria.	(l) Immediate Past-President of the Society (Ex-officio).	Retained as amended
Election of members of Council	5.- The President, 3 Vice-Presidents and other members of the Council mentioned in paragraphs (c), (i) and (k) of subsection (2) of section 4 of this Bill, shall be elected by the Institute from amongst the Members, at an annual general meeting of the Institute.	5.- the President, the Vice-President and other members of the Council mentioned in paragraphs (c), and (d) of subsection (2) of section 4 of this Bill, shall be elected by the Soil Science Society of Nigeria from amongst the Members, at an annual general meeting of Soil Science Society of Nigeria.	Retained as amended
	(a) Provided that, such members shall be elected at a special general meeting convened by the Soil Science Society of Nigeria immediately after the commencement of this Bill, for the purpose of electing them.	(a) Provided that, such members shall be elected at a special general meeting convened by the Soil Science Society of Nigeria immediately after the	Deleted

		commencement of this Bill, for the purpose of electing them.	
Tenure of office	6.- (1) The term of office of a member of the Council other than an ex-officio member shall be three years but such member shall at the end of that term be eligible for re-election, for one more term only.	6.- (1)	Retained
	(2) The office of a member of the Council shall become vacant if the member:-.	(2)	Retained
	(a) resigns his office, by notice under his hand, addressed to the Council;	(a) resigns his office, by a written notice to the Council;	Retained as amended
	(b) is removed from office by the Council, by reason of his professional misconduct or physical or mental infirmity; or;	(b)	Retained
	(c) without leave of the Council, absents himself from 3 consecutive meetings of the Council;	(c)	Retained
The functions of the Council	7.- The functions of the Council shall be to:-	7.-	Retained
	(a) carry into effect the functions and powers of the Institute;	(a)	Retained
	(b) govern the affairs of the Institute;	(b)	Retained
	(c) effect proper management of the Institute; and	(c)	Retained
	(d) do other acts and things as the Council may consider necessary for carrying out the functions and powers of the Institute;	(d) Undertake other activities as the Council may consider necessary for carrying out the functions and powers of the Institute;	Retained as amended
Funds	8.- The funds of the Institute shall consist of:-	8.-	Retained
	(a) contributions, levies, subscriptions, fees and other dues paid by the Members;	(a)	Retained
	(b) revenue accruing to the Institute from its investments, activities and services;	(b)	Retained
	(c) grants, endowments and donations from Governments, agencies, organizations, benefactors and other donors;	(c)	Retained
	(d) revenue accruing to the Institute from any other source approved by the Council;	(d)	Retained

unt	9.-	The funds of the Institute shall be paid into an account in a reputable bank approved by the Council and no instrument for the withdrawal of any money from that account shall be valid unless it is authenticated by the signatures of the President and the Registrar or by the signatures of such officers of the Institute as may from time to time be approved by the Council.	9.-		Retained
	10.-	The Institute may from time to time subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may approve, invest any part of its funds in any securities and may at any time dispose of such securities.	10.-		Retained
	11.-	The Institute may from time to time, subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may approve, borrow such money as the Council may require for carrying out any of the functions of the power of the Institute.	11.-		Retained
Power	12.- (1)	The Institute shall keep and maintain proper accounts of its income and expenditure and shall by the 30 th day of September of each year submit such accounts to be audited by any auditor approved by the Accountant-General of the Federation.	12.-(1)		Retained
of the	(2)	The audited accounts of the Institute and the auditor's report thereon shall, not later than the 31 st day of December of each year, be submitted by the Institute, to the Minister of Agriculture who shall forthwith lay them before each House of the National Assembly.	(2)	The audited accounts of the Institute and the auditor's report thereon shall, not later than the 31 st day of December of each year, be submitted by the Institute, to the Council.	Retained as amended
PART III – REGISTRAR AND REGISTRATION					
of	13.- (1)	There shall be appointed by the Council, a fit and proper person to be the Registrar of the Institute.	13.- (1)		Retained
	(2)	The Registrar shall, subject to the overall control of the Council:-	(2)		Retained
	(a)	be the Secretary to the Council;	(a)		Retained
	(b)	keep custody of the Register of the Institute and make such entries in the Register as the Council may from time to time by resolution, direct;	(b)		Retained
	(c)	keep custody of the common seal of the Institute and affix same to such documents as the Council may direct; and	(c)		Retained

	(d) carry out other duties as the Council or the President may from time to time direct.	(d)	Retained
Register of the Institute	14.- The Institute shall keep and maintain a register of all the Members including the Associates, Fellows and Honorary Fellows.	14.-	Retained
Registration of Members	15.- The Institute may subject to the provisions of this Bill, and such rules as the Council may make in that regard, admit and register any --	15.- The Institute may subject to the provisions of this Bill, and such rules as the Council may make in that regard, admit and register any person as -	Retained as amended
	(a) Person as a registered Member;	(a) A Member;	Retained
	(b) Member as an Associate;	(b) an Associate;	Retained
	(c) Member of Associate as a Fellow; or	(c) a Fellow; or	Retained
	(c) Person as an Honorary Fellow.	(d) an Honorary Fellow.	Retained
Registered Member	16.- A person shall be eligible to be admitted and registered as a Member if that person is:-	16.-	Retained
	(a) At least a holder of a first degree or equivalent qualification in Soil Science or Agronomy from any accredited institution and has in addition 5 years post graduation or post qualification working experience;	(a) At least a holder of a first degree or equivalent qualification in Soil Science or Agronomy from any accredited institution and has duly completed the mandatory one year NYSC scheme with proof of participation;	Retained as amended
	(b) a member of any equivalent Soil Science body or Institute, recognized by the Council.	(b)	Retained
Associates	17.- (a) that person has by research efforts, publications and experience in any area of Soil Science, contributed significantly to the growth and development of Soil Science or related areas; and	17.- (a)	Retained
	(b) the Council is satisfied that the Member is a fit and proper person to be elevated to the rank of Associate;	(b)	Retained
Fellows	18.- A person who is a Member or Associate shall be eligible to be registered as a Fellow if:-	18.-	Retained
	(a) that person has by research efforts, publications and experience in any area of Soil Science, contributed significantly to the growth and development of Soil Science or related areas;	(a)	Retained
	(b) the Council is satisfied that the Member is a fit and proper	(b)	Retained

	person to be elevated to the rank of Fellow;		
	(c) the person holds the minimum academic qualification that admits ordinary members.	(c)	Retained
Honorary	19.- A person may be registered as an Honorary Fellow if:-	19.-	Retained
	(a) that person is distinguished in any area of Soil Management or related industry; and	(a)	Retained
	(b) the Council is satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to be elevated to the rank of Honorary Fellow.	(b)	Retained
Certificate and Honours	20.- The Council may subject to its rules in that regard award distinctive certificate and other honours Certificate to any person, Member, Associate, fellow or Honorary Fellow as the case may be, for any distinctive Honours, achievement in any discipline or area of agriculture.	20.-	Retained
	PART IV – ACCREDITATION OF SOIL SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS	PART IV – ACCREDITATION OF SOIL ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES	Retained as amended
Accreditation	21.- (1) Every Faculty, College or University of Agriculture in Nigeria shall on demand by the Council submit to the Council details of its curricula and courses of study in Soil Science and related sciences for the consideration and approval of the Council.	21.- (1) The Council shall delegate a Committee of the Council to undertake inspection of Soil Analytical Laboratories in Nigeria for the purpose of accreditation.	Retained as amended
	(2) The Council shall thereupon, delegate a committee of the Council to evaluate the contents of such curricular and courses and ensure that such curricular and courses sufficiently endow any person pursuing such curricular and courses with the requisite knowledge, skill and working experience for the practice of the Soil Science profession.	(2) The Council shall thereupon, delegate a committee of the Council to evaluate the contents of such curricular and courses and ensure that such curricular and courses sufficiently endow any person pursuing such curricular and courses with the requisite knowledge, skill and working experience for the practice of the Soil Science profession.	Deleted
	(3) The Council shall where such curricular and courses are approved, thereafter by instrument, accredit such Faculty, College or University as the case may be, as a fit and proper institution for the training of prospective Members.	(3) The Council shall where such curricular and courses are approved, thereafter by instrument, accredit such Faculty, College or University as the	Deleted

		case may be, as a fit and proper institution for the training of prospective Members:	
	(4) Subject to this Bill a person who has not obtained his first degree or other academic qualification from an accredited institution shall not be eligible to be registered as a Member.	(4)	Retained
PART IV – PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE			
Professional Misconduct	22.- In this part, "professional misconduct" means any conduct considered by the Council to be professional misconduct and includes professional indiscipline, unjust enrichment of any person, abuse of office and corrupt practice in the conduct of a member in the public service.	22.-	Retained
Disciplinary Misconduct	23.- (1) There shall be established for the Institute a Disciplinary Tribunal to be known as the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as the "Tribunal"). (2) The Tribunal shall hear and determine any case of professional misconduct against any Soil Scientist in the discharge of his official duties as a professional Soil Scientist. (3) The Tribunal shall consist of the President and six other Members to be appointed by the Council.	23.- (1) (2) (3)	Retained Retained Retained
Investigating Panel	24.- (1) There shall, for the purpose of the proceedings before the Tribunal be established a panel to be known as the Investigating Panel of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (in this Bill referred to as the "Panel"). (2) The Panel shall:- (a) conduct preliminary investigations into any allegation of complaint of professional misconduct against any member, Associate or Fellow of the Institute; and (b) decide whether or not such member, Associate or Fellow has a case to answer before the Tribunal and where applicable to refer such case to the "Tribunal for hearing and determination.	24.-(1) (2) (a) (b)	Retained Retained Retained

	(3) The Panel shall consist of a Chairman and 4 other members to be appointed by the Council.	(3)	Retained
Tribunal Rules Schedule	25.- The Council may make rules to regulate the proceedings of the Tribunal and the Investigating Tribunal Rules Panel, but until such rules are made the rules contained in the Schedule to this Bill are applicable.	25.-	Retained
Penalties	26.- Where:- (a) a member is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of professional misconduct; (b) a member is convicted of an offence by any court in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to sentence an offender to imprisonment (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) and the offence in the opinion of the Tribunal derogates from his membership in the Institute; or (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that any person has been fraudulently registered in the Register of Members, the Tribunal shall give directions to the Registrar either to reprimand that Member or to strike that Member's name off the Register and the Registrar shall comply with such directions.	26.- (a) (b) (c)	Retained Retained Retained
PART V – MEETINGS			
Convening of Council Meetings	27.- The Council shall hold not less than 4 Council meetings every year, but the President shall upon the requisition of not less than 5 members convene an emergency Council meeting to transact the business Council specified in the notice of that emergency Council meeting.	27.-	Retained Retained
President at Council Meetings	28.- The President shall preside at any meeting of the Council, and in the absence of the President, the First Vice-President shall preside and in the absence of both the President and the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall preside and where he is also not available, members of the Council present shall elect one of their members to preside at such a meeting.	28.- The President shall preside at any meeting of the Council, and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside. But where both the President and the Vice-President are absent, members of the Council present shall elect one of their members to preside at such a meeting.	Retained as amended

Validity of Proceedings	29.- The proceedings of the Council shall not be affected by the absence of any member of the Council or any defect in the election or appointment of any member or by reason that a person not entitled to Proceedings, has taken part in such proceedings.	29.-	Retained
Standing Orders	30.- The Council may make standing orders to regulate its proceedings and those of any of its committees.	30.-	Retained
Annual General Meeting of Institute	31.- (1) The Institute shall every year hold an annual general meeting of the Members. (2) The President shall preside at any annual general meeting of the Institute; and in the absence of the President, the First Vice-President shall preside, and in the absence of the First Vice-President, the Second Vice President shall preside and where both the President and the 2 Vice-Presidents are absent, the members present shall elect one of their members to preside at such meeting.	31.-(1) (2) The President shall preside at any annual general meeting of the Institute; and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside, and where both the President and the Vice-President are absent, the members present shall elect one of their members to preside at such meeting.	Retained as amended
PART VI – MISCELLANEOUS			
Regulations	32.- (1) The Council may make regulations to carry into effect any of the provisions of this Bill. (2) Without prejudice to Subsection (1), the Council may make regulations to:- (a) prescribe the fees, dues and subscriptions payable by the Members; (b) prescribe the forms of the licenses and certificates, to be issued to Soil Scientists; (c) prescribe the date, procedure and agenda of the annual general meeting of the Institute; and (d) specify the offices and duties of the officers of the Institute.	32.-(1) (2) (a) (b) (c) (d)	Retained Retained Retained Retained Retained
Interpretation	33.- In this Bill:- “Council” means Council established by Section 4; “Institute” means National Soil Research Institute established by Section I; “Institution” means Faculty, College or University of Agriculture;	33.- “Institute” means Nigeria Institute of Soil Science established by Section I;	Retained Retained as amended Retained

	"Member" means member of the Institute and includes an Associate and a Fellow of the Institute;		Retained
	"President" means President of the Institute;		Retained
	"Ranks" means status of members, Associates or Fellows;		Retained
	"Register" means Register created and maintained under Section 14;		Retained
	"Tribunal" means Tribunal established under Section 23;		Retained
	"First Vice-President" means First Vice-President of the Institute;	"Vice-President" means the Vice-President of the Institute;	Retained as amended
	"Second Vice-President" means Second Vice-President of the Institute.	"Second Vice-President" means Second Vice-President of the Institute.	Deleted
		"Ex-officio" means the immediate past President of the Institute"	New Insertion Retained
Citation	34.- This Bill may be cited as the NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF SOIL SCIENCE Bill 2016.	34.-	Retained
SCHEDULE			
NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF SOIL SCIENCE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL			
RULES			
Proceedings before the Tribunal			
Parties	1. (1) The parties to any proceedings of the Tribunal shall be:-	1.(1)	Retained
	(a) the complainant;	(a)	Retained
	(b) the respondent; and	(b)	Retained
	(c) any other person required by the Tribunal to be joined, or joined by leave of the Tribunal.	(c)	Retained
	(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this rule, parties to the proceedings may enter an appearance in person, or by their respective legal practitioners acting as counsel.	(2)	Retained
	(3) The Tribunal may require the attendance of the complainant or respondent in person if that is necessary in the interest of justice.	(3)	Retained
Notice of Hearing	2. (1) When a complaint is referred by the panel to the Tribunal, the Registrar shall, after consultation with the Chairman, appoint a time	2. (1)	Retained