UNIVERSITIES (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act amends the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act No.11, 1993 by limiting the tenure of principal officers to a single term of 5 years and increasing the retiring age of a staff in the professorial cadre and non-academic staff in the Universities in Nigeria.
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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Amendment of Act No. 11 1993
2. Amendments of section 5
3. Amendment of section 6
4. Amendment of section 8
5. Substitution for section 9
6. Citation
UNIVERSITIES (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012

A Bill

For

An Act to further amend the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act No. 11, 1993 by increasing the retirement age for academic staff in the professorial cadre and non-academic staff and; for related matters.

| Commencement

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

1. The Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act No. 11, 1993 (in this Act referred to as the “Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Act.

2. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by:

   (a) in subsections (3)(a), line 1, by substituting for the word “period” the words “single term”: and

   (b) substituting for subsection (4), a new subsection “(4)”: “(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter such Registrar shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.”

3. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing subsections (4) and (5) new subsections “(4)” and “(5)”:

   “(4) A Bursar or Librarian shall hold office for
a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and condition as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, the Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Bursar or Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter the Bursar or Librarian shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.”

4. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection “(3)”: 

“(3) As from the commencement of this Act, the compulsory retiring age for:

(a) academic staff in the professorial cadre shall be 70 years; and

(b) non-academic staff shall be 65 years.”

5. Substitute for section 9 of the Principal Act a new section “9”:

“9(1) An academic staff who retires as a professor in a recognized University shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the professor has served continuously in a recognized University up to the retirement age.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where the professor has not served up to the retirement age he shall be entitled to the rate of pension mentioned under subsection
(1) provided that he has served a minimum of 20 years as professor in a recognized University.

(3) Where an academic joins a Nigerian University as a professor, such a professor shall have served continuously for at least 20 years in a recognized university.”

6. This Act may be cited as the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 2012.
CERTIFY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 (1) OF THE ACTS AUTHENTICATION ACT, CAP. A2, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE BILL PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

SALISU ABUBAKAR MAIKASUWA, mni
CLERK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

24TH DAY OF MAY, 2012
Schedule to Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2012

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I certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

SALISU ABUBAKAR MAIKASUWA, mni
Clerk to the National Assembly
3 Day of May, 2012

DR. GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN, GCFR
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
6 Day of May, 2012

I ASSENT.