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ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE STATISTICAL SYSTEM

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- (1) There is hereby established a State Statistical System;
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 - (a) The producers of statistics as itemised in the third schedule;
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Objectives of the System

The overall objective of the System is to create a proactive, coordinated, well-managed and resourced System capable of meeting Statistical data and information needs of the state towards sustainable development of the state.

5. Functions of the System shall be to:

- (a) raise public awareness about the importance and role of statistical data and information to society;
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Coordination of the State Statistical System

6. The coordination of the State Statistical System shall be entrusted to:

- (a) the Board of Directors of the State Bureau of Statistics established under Section 10, which shall take policy decisions on and monitor coordination of the system;
- (b) the State Statistician-General appointed under Section 14;
- (c) the State Consultative Committee on Statistics established under Section 18.

PART III

ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU

Establishment of the Bureau

- 7. There is hereby established a Bureau to be known as the Ondo State Bureau of Statistics (hereinafter in this Law referred to as "the Bureau") as an autonomous public authority which shall be responsible to the Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget:
 - (a) The Bureau shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
 - (b) The Bureau shall exercise professional independence in so far as it agrees with the National Bureau of Statistics in the way it collects, processes, analyses, reports and disseminates Statistical information.
 - (c) The Bureau shall be made up of:
 - (i) such structures as shall be established by the State Executive Council;
 - (ii) such persons as shall be recruited by the State Civil Service Commission.

Objectives of the Bureau

- 8. The Objectives of the Bureau shall be:
 - (a) development and management of official Statistics;
 - (b) to serve as the authoritative source and custodian of Official Statistics in the State.

Functions of the Bureau:

- 9. The Functions of the Bureau shall be:
 - (a) coordinating the State Statistical System;

- (b) advising the State and the local Governments on all matters relating to Statistical development;
- (c) developing and promoting use of statistical standards and appropriate methodologies in the State Statistical System;
- (d) collecting, compiling, analysing, interpreting, publishing and disseminating statistical information alone or in collaboration with other agencies, both Government and Non-Governmental Agencies;
- (e) developing and maintaining a comprehensive socio-economic data bank;
- (f) liaising with Local, National and International Organisations on statistical matters; and
- (g) carrying out all other functions relating to statistics as the State Government may assign to the Bureau.

PART IV

THE BOARD AND STAFF OF THE BUREAU

Establishment of the Board of Directors

10. There shall be a Board of Directors which shall be the governing body of the Bureau.

Functions of the Board

- 11 The Functions of the Board shall be to:
 - (a) advise the Governor on the State Statistical policies, procedures, methods, and regulations relating to the development of Statistics;
 - (b) formulate and monitor the implementation of policies for more effective coordination of the State Statistical System;
 - (c) monitor the technical quality of Official Statistics and promote adherence to good practices and International standards;
 - (d) promote and protect the integrity of Official Statistics and the professional independence of Statistical Agencies;
 - (e) provide the Governor with Annual Report on the activities of the Bureau and the entire State Statistical System;
 - (f) review the structure of the Bureau as may be necessary; and
 - (g). approve the work plans and prepare the budgets of the Bureau for approval.

Composition of the Board

- 12. The Board of the Bureau shall consist of:
 - (a) The Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) The State Statistician General;
 - (c) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance;
 - (d) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget;
 - (e) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health;
 - (f) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Women Affairs;
 - (g) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (h) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education;
 - (i) The Permanent Secretary, Establishment and Service Matters;
 - (j) Any other member(s) as may be appointed by the Governor.

Meetings of the Board

- the Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board but in the absence of the Chairman, members present shall appoint one of the members to preside at the meetings.
 - (b) the Board shall meet at least once every three months.
 - (c) the Chairman may summon an extra-ordinary meeting of the Board when the need arises.
 - (d) except as otherwise explicitly stated in this Law, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

State Statistician-General

- 14. The State Statistician-General shall be:
 - (a) appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Ondo State Head of Service.
 - (b) a professional Statistician with at least 15 years cognate experience;
 - (c) the accounting officer of the Bureau and shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the Bureau.

Duties/Functions of Statistician-General

15. The Statistician-General shall perform the following functions:

- (a) advises State Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs) and Local Governments on issues relating to their Statistical activities;
- (b) decides on the appropriate methods for collecting and processing of data for statistical purposes and on the timing and form of dissemination of these statistics, in line with the law establishing the Bureau;
- (c) represents the State at International and National Committees/meetings and coordinate Local Statistical Committees/meetings;
- (d) advises stakeholders in the State Statistical System on matters relating to statistics;
- (e) performs such other functions and duties as may be assigned by the Board and serve as Secretary of the Board;
- (f) represents the embodiment of status, image, integrity and professionalism of the Bureau and the State Statistical System.

Management Committee of the Bureau.

- There shall be for the the Statistician-General and other Directors of the Bureau such as the Directors of Finance and Administration, Census and Surveys, Social and Economic Statistics, Research and Methodology and any other member(s) that may be approved by the Board.
 - (b) The Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the policies and directives of the Bureau.

Staff of the Bureau:

17. The terms and conditions of service of officers of the Bureau shall be as obtained in the Public Service of Ondo State.

Oath of Office and Secrecy

Any person employed in carrying out any of the provisions of this Law shall take an oath of office and secrecy prescribed in the Second Schedule, before a Magistrate or Commissioner of Oaths before commencing the duties relating to the provisions of this Law.

PART V

ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITION OF A STATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

Establishment of a State Consultative Committee on Statistics

19. There shall be a State Consultative Committee on Statistics (the Consultative Committee) appointed by the Governor.

Functions of the State Consultative Committee on Statistics

- 20. The functions of the Committee shall include:
 - (a) examining the statistical programmes of the various Ministries,
 Departments and Agencies annually in order to achieve greater
 coordination and avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts;
 - (b) reviewing and advising on conditions of service of statistical personnel;
 - (c) examining the Statistics Law and recommending to the Board any necessary changes as the need arises; and
 - (d) developing strategies which will ensure uniform standards and methodologies amongst the various data producing Agencies with a view to improving on the quality, comparability and timeliness of the statistical output.

Composition of the Committee

- 21. Committee members shall include:
 - (a) State Statistician-General as Chairman;
 - (b) Directors of Planning, Research and Statistics of Ministries,
 Departments, Agencies (MDAs) and Local Governments;
 - (c) Directors and Deputy Directors in the State Bureau of Statistics,
 - (d) Representative of selected Federal Institutions in the State;
 - (e) Representative of the Research and Training Institutions in the State;
 - (f) Representative of Ondo State Chambers of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture.

Meetings of the Committee

22. The Committee shall meet quarterly or by requisition by the Chairman.

PART VI

POWER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND DISCLOSURE, OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Power to Obtain Information

23. Subject to the provisions of this State Law, the Bureau shall, from time to time, collect data throughout the State or any part thereof concerning any matter spelt out in the First Schedule to this Law.

- (1) The State Statistician-General may, for the purpose of this Section of the Law:
 - (a) by notice in writing, require any person to furnish, in such form and manner and within such time as may be specified in the notice, such periodicals or other information, estimates, returns or particulars relating to any of the matters specified in the First Schedule to this Law as may be so specified;
 - (b) by interviewing any person, require the person to furnish particulars relating to any of the matters specified in the First Schedule to this Law; and
 - by notice in writing require any person to complete a form contained in the notice with particulars relating to any of the matters specified in the First Schedule to this Law and return it in such manner and within such time as may be specified in the notice.
- (2) A notice referred to in Sub paragraph (a) of Subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) may be served by delivering it to the person to whom it is addressed or by sending it by registered post to the person's last known address;
 - (b) shall state that it is served by the powers conferred on the State Statistician-General by Subsection (1) of this Section; and
 - (c) shall include a general statement of the purpose for which the information, estimates, returns or particulars is required.
- (3) Where any information, estimates, returns or particulars is required of any person by a notice to be issued by the State Statistician-General, it shall in any legal proceeding relating to the information, estimates, returns, particulars or notice, be presumed:-
 - (a) that the information, estimates, returns or particulars is such as may lawfully be required of that person in accordance with the provisions of this Law and;
 - (b) that the notice was duly served in accordance with Sub paragraph (a) of Subsection (2) of this Section, unless the contrary is proved.
- (4) Where the person required to furnish any information, estimate, returns or particulars in accordance with the provision of this Section is a Company incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act, the information, estimates, returns or particulars shall be furnished by a person specifically authorised for the purpose by the Company.
- (5) The State Statistician-General shall publish:-
 - (a) by notification in the Gazette, and in such Newspaper as may appear to him be sufficient for notifying the person or persons concerned; or
 - (b) if he is satisfied that local condition so require, in such other manner as may appear to him to be most suitable for the notification in the area or areas concerned

- (c) a list of classes or descriptions of undertakings in relation to which returns will be required for any of the purposes of this part of the Law.
- A person carrying on an undertaking of a class or description referred to in Subsection (1) of this Section who has not received a notice under Sub paragraph (a) of Subsection (1) of this Section requiring him to furnish any information, estimates, returns or particulars in relation to the undertaking, shall inform the State Statistician-General:
 - (a) within such period as may be specified in the notification, not being less than 21 days after the date of publication, application to the person, that he is carrying on the undertaking and;
 - (b) within the same period or such further period as the State Statistician-General may deem reasonable, give the State Statistician-General such particulars of the undertaking as may be so specified.
 - (7) Ministries and other public institutions which produce statistics relating to their responsibilities shall continue to do so, but such statistics shall conform to standards, classifications and procedures as determined by the Bureau to enhance the comparability of such statistics with other statistics of a similar nature, and to minimise unnecessary overlapping or duplication with the collection or publication of statistics by the various Agencies. The publication of the data thus collected require the certification of the Bureau. The said Ministries and other institutions shall be required to provide the State Statistician-General with the administrative data set and copies of the report on the compiled data.
 - (8) In order to enhance the professionalism in statistical collection, all MDAs shall be required to create Statistical Units, which shall be staffed with professional staff out-posted from the Bureau.
 - (9) For purposes of administration, these Units referred to in (8) of this Section shall be under the control of the Ministry where they are established. However, the State Statistician-General shall ensure compliance with standards in the work of these Units. These Units shall therefore periodically submit reports to the State Statistician-General.

Delegation of Responsibilities to Line Ministries

The Bureau may delegate responsibilities to other public institutions with requisite capacities to conduct surveys, following standards and methodologies agreed with the Bureau. The said Ministries shall be required to provide the State Statistician -General with the data set and copies of the report on the collected data.

Code of Practice for Official Statistics

In order to establish public confidence in all official statistics and analysis, the State Statistician-General shall issue a code of practice that sets out professional standards to be followed by all Agencies producing official statistics.

Conduct of Survey by Private Institutions

26. Private Nigerians and foreign institutions wishing to conduct statistical survey on a State scale going beyond their market studies must first obtain enquiry forms with the stamped approval under specified terms and conditions from the Bureau. These Institutions shall be required to provide the State Statistician-General with the data set and copies of the report on the collected data. For Federal Institutions, such surveys shall be required to be carried out in collaboration with the State Bureau of Statistics.

Confidentiality and Disclosures

- 27 (1) The provisions of this Law shall not affect any law relating to the disclosure or non-disclosure of any official secret or confidential information or trade secret.
 - (2) Data collected for statistical purposes shall be treated as confidential. "Data confidentiality" means that the dissemination of these data (and the statistics which can be calculated from them) must not permit the identification, directly or indirectly of the units concerned and that a prohibition be imposed on data producers against disclosing information of an individual nature obtained in the course of their work.
 - (3) Except for the purposes of prosecution undertaken by the Bureau.
 - (a) no individual returns or part thereof, shall be made public.
 - (b) no answer given to any question put for the purposes of this part of this Law and
 - (c) no report, abstract or other document, containing particulars comprised in any returns or answer shall be arranged in a way as to enable such particulars to be identified with any person, undertaking or business.
 - (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (1) of this Section, a report, an abstract, or other document may be published without the required consent if:
 - (a) the information about an enterprise or establishment is published or available on a database accessible to the public at large;
 - (b) in the case of a monopoly, the statistics of relevant sectors of activity are nonetheless open and publishable, provided they do not reveal costs of production or profits of individual enterprises.
 - (5) Nothing in this part of the Law shall be construed as:
 - (a) authorizing or requiring the disclosure or production of any information or document if the disclosure or production of the information or document would contravene the provisions of any law for the time being in force: or
 - (b) prohibiting or restricting the disclosure or production of any information or document which is authorized or required to be disclosed or produced under the provisions of any law for the time being in force.
 - (6) A person required under the provision of this Law to furnish any information estimates, returns or particulars shall not be obliged to disclose information or produce a document which:
 - (a) he would not be compellable to disclose or produce if he were a witness in a court of law; or

- (b) would involve the disclosure of any trade secret in or relating to any undertaking or business which he owns or which he conducts or supervises.
- (7) Nothing contained in this Section shall be taken to require the disclosure to a Ministry, Department or Authority for the purpose of taxation, any information acquired under the provisions of this Law.

Dissemination and Access

- 28 (1) Data producers shall be required to process, disseminate and make accessible to users as a "public good", data collected or compiled using public funds.
 - (2) Data producers shall be required to release micro-level data sets for further analysis, with suitable provisions on confidentiality.
 - (3) Each year, the Bureau shall publish in advance, the data to be produced together with the date for the release of the data. All data producing agencies including the Bureau shall be required to have a data release policy, to be made publicly available and they shall have powers to impose charges for data products and services.
 - (4) Data producing Agencies shall be required to provide information on the methods and procedures used to compile official statistics and to update this as at when changes and improvements are introduced.
 - (5) The Bureau shall make available a register of establishments showing only names and addresses to those who may want to use it as a sampling frame for conducting surveys.

Offences and Penalties

29. Any person who:

- (1) is employed for any of the purposes of this Law, without lawful authority, publishes or communicates to any person otherwise than in the ordinary course of his employment, any information required by him in the course of his employment, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N20,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of six months.
- (2) is in possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of this Law, publishes or communicates to any other person that information, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N20,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of six months.
- (3) in the execution of any other purpose or duty under this Law fails to comply with or contravenes any other term or condition of his oath, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N20,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of six months.
- (4) fails to furnish any information, estimates, returns or particulars which he is required to furnish under this Law commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N20,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of six months.
- (5) in purported compliance with requirement to furnish information, estimates, returns or particulars under this Law, knowingly or recklessly makes a statement

in the information, estimates, returns or particulars which is false in any material particular, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N20,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of six months.

- (6) after conviction for an offence under Subsection (1) of this Section continues to fail to furnish the information, estimates, returns, or particulars commits a further offence and shall be liable on conviction as provided in that Subsection.
- (7) wilfully and without lawful authority, destroys, defaces or mutilates any schedule, form or other document containing information obtained in pursuance of the provisions of this Law commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N20,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of six months.
- (8) under Subsection (1) of this the offence was committed without his knowledge, connivance or that he exercised all due care and diligence to prevent the commission of the offence having regard to all the circumstances of the case, shall not have committed an offence.
- (9) Subject to Subsection (2) of this Section, when an offence under this Law is committed by a body of persons:
 - (a) In the case of a corporate body, every Director or Officer of that body corporate; and
 - (b) In the case of partnerships or other associations of persons, every partner or officer of that body,

shall be deemed to have committed an offence and punished accordingly.

FUNDS AND ASSETS OF THE BUREAU

Funds of the Bureau

- The Bureau shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Bureau.
 - (2) The budget of the Bureau shall be separately provided for in the State Budget.
 - (3) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to Subsection (1) of this Section:
 - (a) Such moneys as may, from time to time be granted to the Bureau by the State Government. The Bureau shall negotiate annually with the State Government on the funding of production of statistics for the forthcoming year.;
 - (b) All moneys raised for the purpose of the Bureau by way of gift, loan, grant -in-aid, testamentary disposition or otherwise;

- (c) All subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered to or for the publications made by the Bureau; and
- (d) All other assets that may, from time to time, accrue to the Bureau.
- (4) The fund shall be managed in accordance with Government Rules and Regulations
- (5) The Bureau may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established in pursuance of this Law for the following purposes:
 - (a) to the cost of administration of the Bureau;
 - (b) for the payment of the salaries, expenses, allowances and benefits of the employees of the Bureau;
 - (c) In connection with all or any of its functions under this Law or under any other written law.
- (6) The Bureau may invest all or any of its fund in such a way as may be approved by the State Executive Council on the recommendation of the Finance Commissioner.

Accounts

- (31) (1) The Bureau shall prepare and submit estimates of his income and expenditure not later than the 30th September of each year to the relevant Authorities.
 - (2) The Bureau shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts and the Board shall cause the Bureau accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year to which the accounts relates by the Auditor General of the State.
 - (3) The Bureau shall prepare and submit to the Governor not later than eighteen months after its establishment, and once every year thereafter, a report in such a form as the Governor may direct on the activities of the Bureau during the last preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Bureau for that year and of the auditor's report on the account.
 - (4) The Governor shall cause a copy of report made by the Bureau under this Section to be laid before the Executive Council soon after the receipt thereof as may be convenient.

PART VIII MISCELLANEOUS

Transfer of Assets and Liabilities

32. (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Bureau may subject to the Land Use Act:

- (a) Purchase or take on lease any interest in land, building or property; and
- (b) Build, equip and maintain offices and premises.
- (2) The Bureau may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease out any land, office or premises held by it, which is no longer required for the performance of its functions under this Law.
- 33. The Bureau may accept gifts of land, money or other property or office or premises held by it, which is no longer required for the performance of its functions under this Law.

The Bureau shall not accept gifts of land, money or other property, on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.

- (1) No suit shall commence against the Bureau before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the Bureau by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state:
 - (a) The cause of action;
 - (b) The particulars of the claim;
 - (c) The name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
 - (d) The relief which it claims.
- (2) The notice referred to in Subsection (1) of this Section and any summons, notices or other documents required or authorized to be served on the Bureau under this Law or any other enactment or law may be served by:
 - (a) Delivering it to the State Statistician-General; or
 - (b) Sending it by registered post addressed to the State Statistician-General.
- (3) In an action or suit against the Bureau, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Bureau, but any sums or money which may, by the Court be awarded against the Bureau shall, subject to any directives given by the Bureau, be paid from the general reserve of the Bureau.
- (4) Without prejudice to the general effect of Subsection (1), regulations may be made under it for:
 - (a) Prescribing penalties in respect of any contravention of the provisions of this Law;
 - (b) Amending, with the approval of the State Executive Council, any item in the First Schedule to this Law.

OTHERS

The fixing of the seal of the Bureau shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman and some other members authorized either generally or specifically by the Board to act for that purpose.

- (2) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate will not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Bureau by the Statistician-General or any person generally or specially authorized by the Board to act for that purpose.
- (3) A document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the Bureau and authenticated as specified in this schedule shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be executed.
- (4) A member of the Board who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

FIRST SCHEDULE STATISTICAL SUBJECTS

- 1. Births and Deaths
- 2. Internal trade
- 3. Primary and Secondary production
- 4 Agriculture, livestock, horticulture and allied industries
- 5 Forestry
- 6 Fisheries
- 7 Factories, mines and productive industries generally
- 8 Employment, Unemployment and under employment
- 9 Salaries, wages, bonuses, fees, allowances and any other payment and Honoraria for services rendered
- 10 Income, earnings, profits and interests
- 11 Output, stocks, sales and deliveries and details relating to services provided
- 12 Orders, work in progress, outgoings and costs (including work given out to contractors) and details of capital expenditure.
- 13 Receipts outstanding, fixed capital assets and plants including the acquisition and disposal of such assets and plant.
- 14 Social, educational, labour and industrial matters (including association of employers, employees and other persons generally).
- 15 Industrial disturbances and disputes.
- 16 Banking, insurance and finance generally.

17 Commercial and profess	onal undertakings.
18 Distributive trades.	
19 Health.	
20 Transport and communic	ation in all forms by land, water or air.
	es of commodities, services, rents and costs of living.
22 Injuries, accidents and co	
23 Land tenure, and the occ	upation and use of land
24 Local Government.	
25. Environmental Related is	sues.
26. Water and Sanitation.	
27. Others.	
	SECOND SCHEDULE
OATH OF OFFICE AND SECRECY	
I	do swear that I will faithfully and honestly
fulfil my duties as	in conformity with the requirements of the
	and that save as provided in the Law, I will not disclose or make
	comes to my knowledge by reason of my employment.

THIRD SCHEDULE DATA PRODUCERS

1. The State Bureau of Statistics.

Signature

2. Planning, Research and Statistics Departments in the State Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

- 3. Planning, Research and Statistics Departments in the Local Governments.
- 4. Any other relevant institutions.

FOURTH SCHEDULE DATA USERS

- Policy and decision makers in Government Ministries and Institutions, and quasi Governmental bodies.
- 2. Politicians (e.g Members of State House of Assembly).
- 3. Local Government Authorities
- 4. Researchers and Academician(s)
- 5. Students
- 6. NGOs
- 7. Private Sector Organisations
- 8. The Donor Community
- 9. International Organisations
- 10. The Media
- 11. The General Public

FIFTH SCHEDULE DATA SUPPLIERS

- 1. Households
- 2. Individuals and groups within specified organisations
- 3. Establishments / Institutions.



This Printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Ondo State House of Assembly and found by me to be true copy of the said Bill

Alh (Barr) Y.J.A. Dada

Rt. Hon. Adesina Samuel Ajayi Speaker, Ondo State House of Assembly Alh (Barr) Y.J.A. Dada Permanent Secretary/Clerk, Ondo StateHouse of Assembly

GOVERNOR'S ASSENT

I hereby signify my assent to this Bill

GOVERNOR'S SEAL

Dr. Olusegun Mimiko Governor of Ondo State of Nigeria