

CHAPTER 46

ENUGU STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN LAW

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A Law to promote the welfare of women in the State, stimulate the civic, political, social, educational and economic development of women and make provisions for related matters,

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I This Law may be cited as the Enugu State Commission for Women Law.

2. In this Law —

"Board" means Board of the Commission established by section 5;

"Chairman" means Chairman of the Board:

"Commission" means Enugu State Commission for Women established by section 3.

"Government" means Government of the State.

"Governor" means Governor of the State,

"National Commission" means National Commission for Women established

by the National Commission for Women Act

“Secretary” means Executive Secretary to the Commission; “State” means Enugu State of Nigeria.

3(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Enugu State Commission for Women. Establishment of Commission,

(2) The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold and dispose of property

4. The objectives of the Commission are —

- (a) to promote the welfare of women in general; Objectives of Commission.
- (b) to promote the full utilization of women in the development of human resources and to bring about their acceptance as full participants in every phase, of national development, with equal rights and corresponding obligations;
- (c) to promote responsible motherhood and maternal health of women;
- (d) to stimulate actions to improve the civic, political, cultural, social and economic education of women;
- (e) to support the work of non-governmental organizations and to play a co-ordinating role between the government and women organizations;
- (f) to encourage the sense and essence of co-operative societies and activities amongst women both in the urban and rural areas, and stimulate in them creative entrepreneurship in the field of cottage industries;
- (g) to formulate and propagate moral values within the family units and in the public generally and to establish programmes with institutions and organizations to inculcate moral education in women and children; and
- (h) to work towards total elimination of all social and cultural practices tending to discriminate against and dehumanize womanhood.

Establishment and Membership of the Board

5 (1) There is hereby established for the Commission a Board which shall consist of —

- (a) a part-time Chairman who shall be a person showing sufficient interest in the advancement of women; and
- (b) not less than seven, but not more than ten, other persons, to be appointed by the Governor

(2) For the attainment of the objectives set out in section 4 the Board may, whenever it is expedient so to do, co-opt persons from the State Ministries, Departments and bodies, whether corporate or unincorporated, to serve on the Board as *ex officio* members,

Tenure of Office

6. (1) The Chairman shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for a further term of three years.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Law, a member of the Board, other than an *ex officio* member, shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for reappointment for a further period of four years.

(2) The office of the Chairman or a member of the Board who is not an *ex officio* member shall become vacant if—

(3)

(in he resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand addressed to tire Governor;

(c) the Governor is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Commission or that of the public that the person concerned shall continue in office.

(4) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, it shall be filled by the appointment of another person to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person in relation to whom the vacancy occurred; so however, that the successor shall represent the same interest as that of his predecessor and shall be appointed by the Governor

7. Without prejudice to the provisions of section 4, the functions of the Commission shall be —

Special
functions of
the
Commission

- (a) to implement the policies and programmes of the National Commission for women;
- (b) to formulate, subject to the provisions of paragraph (a), policies and programme within the contest of National Development Plans, aimed at enhancing the position and development of women in the social, economic and political contest;
- (c) to promote, develop and concretize income generation and employment through Ioan schemes, home and cottage industries, acquisition of skills generally for the improvement of arts and crafts and food processing and such other vocational training of women within the context of their assessed needs and potentials;
- (d) to monitor and liaise with appropriate Government Ministries Departments, bodies and non-governmental organizations on matters concerning women and development.
- (e) in accordance with such guidelines as may be provided by the National Commission, to monitor and submit reports on —
 - (i) women education and counselling;
 - (ii) health of women and children, and
 - (iii) existing legislation;
- (f) to ensure the enhancement of self-reliance on the part of women;
- (g) to co-ordinate. structure and monitor the activities of women voluntary organizations in the local government areas of the State and grant aids to them as well as evaluate their performances:

(h) generally, to conduct research and planning aimed at improving the status of women and the attainment of policy objectives generally in relation to women;

(i) to carry out all other functions and objectives of the Commission us stipulated in section 4.

Appointment
of Secretary
and other staff
of
Commission

8(1) There shall be for the Commission an Executive Secretary whose rank shall be equivalent to that of a Permanent Secretary in the civil service of the State, and he shall be the Chief Executive of the Commission

(2) The Secretary shall be appointed by the Governor.

(3) The Secretary has the responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the Commission and for putting into effect the decisions, policies and approved recommendations of the Board

(4) Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Board may from time to time, appoint such other staff as it may consider necessary to assist the Commission in the performance of its functions under this Law.

(5) The appointment of a staff of the Commission made pursuant to subsection (4) shall be subject to such terms and conditions of service as the Board may, after consultation with the State Civil Service Commission, determine.

Nature of
Service

9. Service under the Commission shall be public service for pension purposes within the meaning of the Pensions Law.

Proceedings
of the Board

(10) The Board shall have power to regulate its proceedings and may make standing orders for that purpose and, subject to any such standing orders and to subsection (2) of this section, may function, notwithstanding—

(a) any vacancy in its membership; or

(b) any defect in the appointment of a member; or

(c) that a person not entitled to do so took part in its proceedings

(2) The quorum at any meeting of the Board shall be five

Appointment
of the
committees
etc

11(1) Subject to its standing orders the Board may appoint such number of standing and ad hoc committees as it may think fit, and any such committee may report on any matter with which the Commission has responsibility under this Law, but the decision of any committee appointed under this section shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board

(2) The quorum of any committee appointed by the Board shall be as may be determined by the Board.

12. (1) The Board shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission

Funds etc

(2) There shall be paid or credited to the fund established in pursuance of subsection (1)—

- (a) such moneys as may be appropriated or granted in each year to the Commission by the Government or the National Commission;
- (b) all other moneys accruing to the Commission from any other source approved by the Government and which shall be reported on and accounted for

(3) The Secretary shall, not later than the 31st day of October in each year, prepare an estimate of the income and expenditure of the Commission.

(4) The accounts of the Commission shall be audited by an auditor appointed by the Board from the list and in accordance with guidelines, supplied by the State Auditor-General.

13. The Board shall prepare and submit to the Governor, not later than the 30th day of July in each year, a report on the activities of the Commission during the immediately preceding year, and shall include in that report the audited accounts of the Commission as well as the State Auditor-General's report thereon

Annual
report

Power of
Governor to
give
directions to
the Board

14 The Governor may give to the Board directions of a general nature with respect to any of the functions of the Commission and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directions or cause them to be complied with.

15. The Board may, with the approval of the Governor, make regulations for carrying into effect any of the provisions of this Law

Regulations