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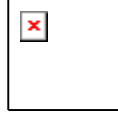
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SCHEDULE

**MODIFICATION OF AWUMA NATIVE LAW AND CUSTOM RELATING TO THE
SELECTION OF ORIYE AWUMA (CHIEFDOM) ORDER, 2015**



LAW NO.19 OF 2015

10th December, 2015

Date of
Commencement.

WHEREAS, the Lafia Local Government Council considers it expedient for the good government and welfare of the area of its authority that a recommendation for the modification of the Native Law and Custom relating to the selection of a person to be the **Oriye Awuma** should be submitted for the consideration of the Governor of Nasarawa State;

WHEREAS, the Lafia Local Government Council has submitted for the consideration of the Governor for the modification of the **Awuma** Native Law and Custom relating to the selection of the **Oriye Awuma**.

AND WHEREAS, I am satisfied that the recommendation for the modification is expedient and not repugnant to natural justice, equity and good conscience and that it is not incompatible either in its terms or by necessary implication with any enactment;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 4 of the Chiefs (Appointment and Deposition) Law and section 59 of the Local Government Law 2009, and all other powers enabling in that behalf, I hereby make the following order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Lafia Local Government Council (Modification of Native Law and Custom relating to the selection of the **Oriye Awuma** Order 2015, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of January, 2015. Title and Commencement.
2. The Awuma Native Law and Custom set out in the schedule to this Order shall be the Native Law and Custom relating to the selection of **Oriye Awuma** and shall be in force in the area of authority of the Lafia Local Government Council. Application of the Native Law and Custom.

3. In this Order unless the context otherwise requires:

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Local Government Council.

“Council of Chiefs” means the State Council of Chiefs.

“Local Government Council” means the Lafia Local Government Council.

“Governor” means the Governor of Nasarawa State.

“Presiding Officer” means the Presiding Officer appointed under paragraph 6.

“Secretary” means the Secretary appointed under Paragraph 6.

“State” means Nasarawa State.

“Tie” means where candidates with equal number of votes at a selection under paragraph 10 (3) & (4).

“Traditional Selectors” means the Traditional Selectors referred to in paragraph 2 who are charged with the responsibility of the selection of the **Oriye Awuma**.

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 THE SELECTION OF ORIYE AWUMA, AWUMA (CHIEFDOM)**

4. The **Oriye Awuma** shall continue to be chosen by the ^{Candidate} traditional selectors from the Male Descendants of.

- (i) Any male adult descendants from the Mawu Riggah;
- (ii) Any male adult descendants from Mawu Wuriye

5(a). The Traditional Selectors shall be the persons holding the following offices:

- (i) Madakin Awuma
- (ii) Makwangijin Awuma
- (iii) Wamban Awuma
- (iv) Sarkin Padan Awuma
- (v) Limamin Awuma

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- (b). The traditional selectors mentioned in paragraph 5(a) of this Order shall constitute an Electoral College for the purpose of selection of the **Oriye Awuma**. Electoral College.
- (c). The quorum at the meeting of the Traditional Selectors to select the **Oriye Awuma** shall be three (3) selectors. Quorum
- 6(a). Whenever the Office of **Oriye Awuma** is vacant, the Chairman of the Local Government shall notify the Governor in writing of such vacancy. Vacancy of Office.
- (b). The Governor shall on receipt of the information of the Office of **Oriye Awuma** being vacant, appoint a Presiding Officer and a Secretary for the purpose of the selection of **Oriye Awuma**. Appointment of Presiding Officer.
7. The Secretary to the Local Government shall be in attendance as an Observer at the selection of the **Oriye Awuma**. Observer.
8. (1) The Presiding Officer shall issue nomination papers to each Traditional Selector and shall call for nomination of candidates from the adult males of the Ruling Houses specified in paragraph 4. Nomination.
- (2) Nomination of candidate shall be submitted to the Presiding Officer in writing and some assistance may be rendered in the case of illiterate Traditional Selector(s).
- (3) Where only one candidate is nominated, that candidate shall be return unopposed and declared the selected **Oriye Awuma** subject to the approval of the Governor after consultation with the State Council of Chiefs.
9. (1) Where a Traditional Selector is nominated and he agrees to stand for the selection, he shall lose his right to vote at the meeting, and shall forth-with vacate the Electoral College. Traditional Selector to lose right to vote.
- (2) Where a Traditional Selector loses his voting right under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, he shall not be replaced by another person at the meeting.
10. (1) Where more than one candidates are nominated, the Presiding Officer shall conduct the selection by secret ballot and every Traditional Selector shall have only one vote. Election by Secret ballot.

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- (2) The candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall be declared the selected subject to the approval of the Governor after due consultation with the State Council of Chiefs.
- (3) In the event of a tie or an equality of votes, a second ballot shall be taken as soon as thereafter as may be practicable in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph for the candidates who secured the greatest equal number of votes.
- (4) If after the second ballot has been taken under sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph, there is still a tie or equality of votes, the Presiding Officer shall forthwith decide between the candidates with the highest and equal number of votes by lot. The candidate on whom the lot falls shall be deemed to have been selected as the **Oriye Awuma** subject to the approval of the Governor after consultation with the State Council of Chiefs.

The Common Seal of Lafia Local Government Council is hereby affixed in the presence of:-

His Royal Highness
ALH. (DR) ISA MUSTAPHA AGWAI I, CFR
President, Lafia Local Government Traditional Council.



HON. SULEIMAN AHMED WAMBAL,
Chairman, Lafia Local Government Council.

Signified in accordance with Lafia Local Government

Traditional Council the 10th day of December, 2015

ENGR. ABDULLAHI MUH'D USMAN
Secretary, Lafia Local Government Council.

Approved at Lafia this 10th day of December, 2015.

UMARU TANKO AL-MAKURA
Executive Governor,
Nasarawa State of Nigeria