

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999, TO PROVIDE FOR TIMEFRAME FOR SUBMITTING THE NAMES OF MINISTERIAL OR COMMISSIONERS NOMINEES; WITH PORTFOLIOS ATTACHED AND EVIDENCE OF DECLARATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE NOMINEE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ben Igbakpa

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in Alteration of the
2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. Principal Act
- 3 **2.** Section 147 of the Principal Act is altered, in subsection (1), line Alteration of
4 2, by inserting immediately after the word "President", the words, "provided Section 147
5 that the President shall within 21 days after he has taken and subscribed to
6 the Oath of Allegiance and the oath of office prescribed in the Seventh
7 Schedule of this Constitution, forward to the Senate for confirmation list of
8 nominees to such offices of Ministers of the Government of the Federation
9 and their portfolios.
- 10 **3.** Section 147 of the Principal Act IS altered, in subsection (2),
11 line 3, by inserting immediately after the word "President", the words,
12 "provided that no Ministerial nominee shall be confirmed by the Senate
13 unless evidence of declaration of assets and liabilities of the nominee as
14 prescribed in this Constitution is presented.
- 15 **4.** Section 192 of the Principal Act is altered, in subsection (1), line Alteration of
16 3, by inserting immediately after the word "State", the words, "provided that Section 192
17 the Governor shall within 21 days after he has taken and subscribed to the

1 Oath of Allegiance and the oath of office prescribed in the Seventh Schedule of
2 this Constitution, forward to the House of Assembly of the State for
3 confirmation list of nominees to such offices of Commissioners of the
4 Government of a State and their portfolios.

5 **5.** Section 192 of the Principal Act is altered, in subsection (2), line 6,
6 by inserting immediately after the word "Constitution", the words, "provided
7 that no Commissioner nominee shall be confirmed by the House of Assembly
8 of the State unless evidence of declaration of assets and liabilities of the
9 nominee as prescribed in this Constitution is presented.

Citation

10 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
11 of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to alter sections 147 and 192 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to set a timeframe for submitting the Names of Ministerial or Commissioners Nominees; with portfolios attached and evidence of declaration of assets and liabilities of the nominee as prescribed in this Constitution prior to confirmation.