

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Femi Gbajabamila

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows;

1 1. The constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as
2 amended) (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is further amended as
3 set out in this Bill;

Amendment of
Principal Act

4 2. Section 89 is amended by deleting Sub-Section 1 (d) and
5 replacing with:

Amendment of
Section 89

6 d. To issue a warrant to compel the attendance of any person who
7 after having been summoned to attend, fails, refuses or neglects to do so and
8 does not excuse such failure, refusal or neglect to the satisfaction of the
9 Legislative House or the Committee in question.

10 3. Section 89 is further amended by inserting a new Sub-Section
11 (3) to read as follows;

12 3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution,
13 any person who after having being summoned to attend, fails, refuses or
14 neglects to do so and does not excuse such failure, refusal or neglect to the
15 satisfaction of the Legislative House or the Committee in question, commits
16 an offence and is liable on conviction to such punishment as shall be
17 prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly.

18 4. The Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal
19 Republic of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to prescribe as an offence the Contempt of a Legislative House.