

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA ACT NO.7 (THE PRINCIPAL ACT) AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Binta Bello

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Central Bank of Nigeria Act, No.7, 2007 (in the Bill Amendment of
2 referred to as the "Principal the Principal Act
3 Act") is amended as set out in this Bill:
- 4 2. Section 6(3)(a) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting Amendment of
5 the existing paragraph (a) with a new paragraph (a)- Section 6(3)(a)
6 (3) The Board shall be responsible for-
7 (a) preparing and submitting the Bank's annual budget to the
8 President no later than 30th of September in each financial year for
9 presentation and approval to the National Assembly.
- 10 3. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of
11 subsection 2. The existing subsections 2,3;4 and 5 are renumbered Section 8
12 accordingly.
- 13 (2) The Managing Director/CEO and Executive Directors of a
14 bank shall not be eligible or qualify for appointment for the position of the
15 Governor or Deputy Governor of the Bank until after the expiration of five
16 (5) years from the date of their exit from the bank.
- 17 4. Section 12(2)(d) of the Principal Act is amended as follows: Amendment of
18 (d) six (6) members appointed by the President representing the six Section 12(2)(d)
19 (6) geopolitical zones of Nigeria.
- 20 5. Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended as follows: Amendment of
21 The Bank may subscribe to, hold and sell shares of any Corporation or Section 31

1 company or debentures thereof set up with the approval of or under the
2 authority of the Federal Government for the purposes of promoting the
3 development of money or capital markets in Nigeria or of stimulating financial
4 services development so however that in any such case, the total value of the
5 holdings of shares or as the case may be, debentures to which this section
6 applies shall not at any time exceed ten times the aggregate of the Bank's paid
7 up capital and the general reserve fund of the Bank.

Citation

8 6. This Bill may be cited as the Central Bank of Nigeria (Amendment)
9 Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007 for the enhancement of transparency, entrenchment of parliamentary accountability and enhancement of the Bank's efficiency in the discharge of its statutory duties.