

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE HOUSES (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) ACT, 2017 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe*

[ ] Commencement

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

1                   1. The Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017 (in Amendment of  
2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. the Principal Act

3                   2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by adding a new Sub- Amendment of  
4 section 1(t) to read as follows: Section 14

5                   (1)(f) Any person, after having been summoned to attend, fails,  
6 refuses or neglects to do so without a reasonable excuse to the satisfaction of  
7 the House or Committee in question, shall be deemed to have committed an  
8 offence.

9                   3. This Bill may be cited as the Legislative Houses (Powers and Citation  
10 Privileges)(Amendment) Bill, 2018.

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to strengthen the investigative powers of the National Assembly.