

CABINET COMPOSITION BILL, 2015

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1 to screen the nominees according to its standing rules and thereafter revert to  
2 the President within the time frame allowed by the Constitution to render a  
3 return.

Petitions against  
Nominees

4 4.-(1) Any person, group or organization who objects to the  
5 nomination of any nominee shall express his/their objection by a Petition  
6 addressed to the Senate within Seven (7) days after such nomination is made.

7 (2) The said objection shall set out the grounds of the Petition and the  
8 full identity of the Petitioners.

9 (3) Where a Petition is submitted to the Senate, the President shall be  
10 in copy and be availed a copy of the Petition by the Petitioners.

11 (4) Upon receipt of the Petition, the Senate shall forthwith refer the  
12 Petition to the relevant Committee for further investigation.

Time frame to  
form a cabinet

13 5.-(1) Subject to the provisions of sections 147(2)&(6) of the 1999  
14 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended, the President shall  
15 have a maximum period of Three(3) Months after he takes his Oath of office to  
16 inaugurate his Ministers:

17 Provided that, where the President nominates any person for appointment as a  
18 Minister and the Nominee gets rejected by the Senate, the President shall have  
19 a further period of not more than Four (4) weeks from the date of rejection of  
20 the Nominee to submit a fresh name to the Senate for confirmation.

21 (2) In the event that a new Nominee is submitted to replace a rejected  
22 Nominee, such appointment must be made within a maximum period of Two  
23 (2) Months after the date the former Nominee is rejected.

Offences

24 6.-(1) It shall be unlawful for the President to carry on the  
25 administration of the Country for a period exceeding Three Months without  
26 having a fully composed cabinet.

27 (2) Any president who carries on the administration of the Country in  
28 contravention of sub-section 1 of this Section commits an offence and the  
29 offence amounts to gross misconduct.

1                   7. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following Interpretation  
2                   expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively-  
3                   “List” means the official communication from the President to the Senate  
4                   which contains the names of persons and their proposed Portfolio's;  
5                   “Nominee” means a person whose name has been submitted by the  
6                   President to the Senate for confirmation for appointment as a Minister;  
7                   “Petition” means any formal complaint to the Senate against a Nominee  
8                   showing cause why the Nominee should not be appointed to the proposed  
9                   Portfolio;  
10                  “Portfolio” refers to the Ministry to which a nominee will be appointed to as  
11                  a Minister.

12                  8. This Bill shall be cited as the Cabinet Composition Bill, 2015. Citation

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to prescribe the timeframe within which the President shall constitute and inaugurate his Cabinet/Executive Council and also aims to ensure that a Ministerial Nomination list sets out the proposed Portfolio which every Nominee is intended to be assigned.