

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 AND FOR OTHER MATTERS
CONNECTED THEREWITH

Sponsored by Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar

[] 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 (in
2 this Act referred to as the "Principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill.
- 3 2. Section 147 is altered by the addition of new subsection:
- 4 (7)(a) The President shall in nominating persons under subsection
5 (2) for confirmation by the Senate indicate the portfolio for which he intends
6 the nominees to occupy;
- 7 (b) The nominees shall upon confirmation occupy only the
8 portfolios for which the President had indicated in subsection paragraph (a);
- 9 (c) The President shall in addition to the provisions of this
10 subsection secure security clearance for the nominees before submitting
11 their names for confirmation and attach the certificate of clearance issued by
12 the relevant security agencies.
- 13 3. This bill may be cited as Constitution (Alteration) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to alter Section 147 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria (as amended) to make provision for the attachment of
portfolios to be occupied by ministerial nominees forwarded to the Senate
for confirmation as well as the attachment of security clearance certificates
by security agencies.