

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE 1999 CONSTITUTION (AS AMENDED) AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (With
2 Alterations) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act") is altered as set
3 out hereunder.

4 2. Section 81 Sub-Section (1) of the Principal Act is altered by
5 deleting the entire Sub-Section (i) and replacing same with another Sub-
6 section (1) of Section 81, which says, thus:

7 “The President shall not later than three months to the end of each
8 financial year cause to be prepared and laid before each House of the
9 National Assembly estimates of revenues and expenditures of the federation
10 for the next following financial year.”

11 3. Section 82 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting the figure
12 "six" immediately after the word "exceeding", and substituting the figure
13 "six" with the figure “three”.

14 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal
15 Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2016. Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

17 This Bill seeks to ensure that proposed budgets are passed into law before
18 the beginning of every year on the first day of January as provided in Section
19 318 of the Constitution.

20 It also aims at ensuring that the Executive arm of government does not spend
21 Federation money for too long without currently being appropriated by the
22 two Houses of the National Assembly to reflect the reality of time.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clauses:

1. Amendment of the Principal Act
2. Amendment of the Section 119
3. Amendment of the Section 138
4. Amendment of the Section 139
5. Amendment of the section 150
6. Citation