

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH TO ACT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS SO AS TO AVOID DELAYS IN APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND ENSURE EXPEDITIOUS APPOINTMENT OF SUCH OFFICERS FOR ENHANCED JUSTICE DELIVERY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           1. All Recommendations by the National Judicial Council in  
2           respect of appointments of judicial officers shall be acted upon by the  
3           President or Governor, as the case may be, within 14 days of the receipt of  
4           the recommendations.
- 5           2. For or the Purpose of this Bill, the 14 days for Positions that are  
6           subject to Legislative confirmation shall not include the date when the  
7           recommendations are sent to the Legislature for confirmation.
- 8           3. The Senate and or State House of Assembly shall consider the  
9           Recommendation of the President or Governor as the case may be for  
10          confirmation within 21 days.
- 11          4. An appointment under this Bill shall be deemed to have been  
12          made where no' return has been received from the Senate and or State House  
13          of Assembly within 21 days of the receipt of the recommendation.
- 14          5. This Bill may be cited as the Appointment of Judicial Officers  
15          (Time Frame) Bill, 2016.

Citation

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide a time frame within which to act on the recommendations of the National Judicial Council with regard to Judicial appointments so as to avoid delays in appointment of Judicial Officers and ensure expeditious appointment of such Officers for enhanced Justice delivery.