

CONSTITUTION (ALTERATION) BILL. 2015.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. **Alteration of Cap, C23 LFN, 2014**
2. **Alteration of section 14 7 of the Principal Act**
3. **Short title**

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA. CAP. C23. LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA. 2004 TO PROVIDE A TIME FRAME FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS BY THE PRESIDENT AND TO ENSURE THAT PORTFOLIOS ARE ASSIGNED TO MINISTERIAL NOMINEES WITH STATE OF ORIGIN INDICATED PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Sponsored by Senator Rose. Oko

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C23 Alteration of
- 2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Act referred to as the CAP. C23 LFN,
- 3 "Principal Act") is altered as set out under this Act. 2004
- 4 2. Section 147 of the Principal Act is amended as follows: Alteration of
- 5 (a) In subsection (6) by inserting a proviso immediately after the Section 147
- 6 word "Senate" appearing in the last line thereby making the whole
- 7 paragraph to read thus:
- 8 (6) An appointment to any of the offices aforesaid shall be deemed
- 9 to have been made where no return has been received from the Senate within
- 10 twenty one working days of receipt of nomination by the Senate, provided
- 11 that the nomination complies with the provisions of section 14 7 A of this
- 12 Act.
- 13 (b) By inserting a new paragraph 147 A as follows:
- 14 147A(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 147 of the Insertion of new
- 15 Principal Act, the President shall within 30 days of taking the Oath of Office section 147A
- 16 forward ministerial nominees to the Senate for confirmation.

1 (2) The President shall assign to each ministerial nominee a portfolio,
2 which such nominee shall hold should he or she be confirmed by the Senate as
3 provided by this constitution.

4 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this constitution or any other
5 enactment to the contrary, no ministerial nominee shall be confirmed by the
6 Senate, except the portfolio and state of origin of that nominee is clearly written
7 against his or her name in the document forwarding the names of that nominee
8 to the Senate for confirmation.

Short title

9 3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution (Alteration) Bill. 2015.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the provision of section 14 7 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as altered) to provide a timeframe for the appointment of ministers by the president and to ensure that each ministerial nominee is assigned with a portfolio and the state of origin written against the name of such ministerial nominees prior to confirmation by the senate