

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO GIVE FORCE OF LAW TO RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY BOTH  
HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED  
THEREWITH

*Sponsored by Senator Ibrahim Gobir*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1.-(1) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal  
2           Republic of Nigeria and the rules of both Houses of the National Assembly, a  
3           resolution on any subject on which the National assembly is empowered to  
4           legislate, shall be complied with and have binding effect on any  
5           Person/Persons, entity, authority, department, agency of government, their  
6           agents/ privies to whom the resolution may be addressed, where such a  
7           resolution is passed by both Houses of the National Assembly.

Resolution  
passed by both  
Houses of the  
National Assembly  
to have Force of  
Law and binding  
effect

8           (2) A motion for a resolution referred in subsection (1) above, may  
9           originate in and passed by both Houses or originate in and passed by either  
10          House and communicated to the other House of the National Assembly for  
11          concurrence.

12          (3) A resolution so passed by both Houses of the National  
13          Assembly shall be communicated to the Person/Persons, authority, entity or  
14          agency concerned for compliance, within the time specified therein.

15          2. Any person/persons, authority, entity/agency who fails,  
16          neglects, refuses to comply, and condones or abets non- compliance with a  
17          resolution passed in accordance with section (1) above, shall be issued with  
18          a query and an ultimatum to comply within another period of 14 days by the  
19          Clerk of the National Assembly.

Offences and  
penalty for non  
compliance

20          3.-(1) If after the 14 days period given in section 2 above, he

1 refuses, fails, neglects to comply, and condones or abets non-compliance, the  
2 person shall be deemed to have committed an act of gross misconduct; and

3 (2) In case of an elected political office-holder, shall be liable to trial  
4 as contained in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and other  
5 relevant enactments.

6 (3) In case of any other person/persons, entity/organization, shall be  
7 deemed to have ceased to be a fit and proper person to hold any public and  
8 corporate office of trust and responsibility in Nigeria and stand dismissed from  
9 his present office and remains so disqualified for a period of 5 years; provided  
10 that where an entity commits an offence of non-compliance, the Chief  
11 Executive and Directors of the entity by any name whatsoever called, shall be  
12 liable to the penalties stipulated under this Act.

13 4. Where a resolution demands compliance with a policy/activity  
14 direction on any issue, on sustainable basis, the penalties stipulated under this  
15 Act shall apply at any time a case of non-compliance is brought to the attention  
16 of the Clerk, provided that any member of the National Assembly or its  
17 Committee shall have the right to bring a case of non-compliance to the  
18 attention of the Clerk.

Recession of a  
concurrent  
Resolution

19 5. A resolution passed in accordance with section 1 above, may be  
20 rescinded by the National Assembly, provided that a motion for recession shall  
21 be passed by two-thirds majority of both Houses of the National Assembly.

Interpretation

22 6. In this Act:  
23 "Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" means the 1999 Constitution  
24 of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;  
25 "Rules of both Houses of the National Assembly" means rules contained in the  
26 standing orders of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Federal  
27 Republic of Nigeria;  
28 "Any subject on which the National Assembly is empowered to legislate"  
29 means any subject in the exclusive legislative and concurrent legislative list of  
30 the 1999 constitution of the federal Republic of Nigeria or in any other law or

1 enactment;

2 "Entity" means body corporate both governmental and non-governmental;

3 "Elected public office holder" means a person elected to a specified term of  
4 office as provided by the constitution and in accordance with the Electoral  
5 Act;

6 "National Assembly" means the Senate and the House of Representatives;

7 "Two-thirds majority" means majority of members of each House of the  
8 National Assembly present and voting, quorum having been formed:

9 "Clerk" means Clerk of the National Assembly.

10           7. This Bill may be cited as Resolutions of the National Assembly   Citation  
11 Compliance and Binding Effect Bill, 2015.