

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION BILL, 2016

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT SEEKS TO ESTABLISH ARRANGEMENTS IN PRACTICE FOR THE POLITICAL TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION FROM ONE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED PRESIDENT, TO ANOTHER DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED PRESIDENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE POLITICAL TRANSFER OF POWER AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING OF PRESIDENTIAL

2 INAUGURATION COMMITTEE

3 1.-(1) There is established a Committee to be known as the
4 Presidential Transition Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the
5 Committee").

Establishment of
presidential
transition
committee

6 (2) The Committee shall consist of:

7 (a) a Chairman and an alternate Chairman to be appointed by the
8 incumbent President and the President Elect;

9 (b) five members to be appointed by the incumbent President and
10 the President Elect;

11 (c) Chief Justice of Nigeria or his representatives;

12 (d) Governor of Central Bank or his representatives;

13 (e) Director of State Security Service;

14 (f) Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance;

15 (g) Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;

16 and

17 (e) Any other relevant government agency as may be deemed
18 necessary and relevant by the Committee.

1 (3) The chairman and members of the Committee shall serve for only
2 one transition after which they stand automatically dissolved.

Function of
Chairman and
Members of the
President
Inauguration
Committee

3 2.-(1) the Committee shall be responsible for:

4 (a) ensuring that every adequate and lawful steps are taken to promote
5 orderly transition in the office of the President;

6 (b) coordinating and organizing presidential Inauguration
7 ceremonies;

8 (c) taking appropriate lawful steps to avoid or minimize disruptions
9 that might be occasioned by the transfer of executive power;

10 (e) liaising with relevant government agencies to ensure the provision
11 of services and facilities outlined in Part II of this Bill.

12 (2) In pursuance of the purposes of this bill, the Committee shall
13 ensure that there is a smooth and an effective transition from the out-going
14 administration to the in-coming one.

Appointment of
Secretary and
his Duties

15 3.-(1) There shall be for the committee, a Secretary who shall:

16 (a) be a permanent secretary in the office of the Secretary to the
17 Government of the Federation; and

18 (b) subject to the general control of the Committee, be:

19 (i) responsible for keeping proper records of the proceedings of the
20 Committee,

21 (ii) the head of the secretariat and responsible for day to day
22 administration of the Secretariat, and

23 (iii) the accounting officer of the Committee and shall be responsible
24 for the day to day administration of the Committee's fund.

Funding and
activities of the
committee

25 4.-(1) The funding of the Committee and the activities of the
26 inauguration shall be appropriated for by the National Assembly in every
27 inaugural year.

28 (2) Any other donation or gifts that shall be consistent with the objects
29 of the Committee and of this Bill.

30 (3) The Secretariat of the Committee shall submit an audited account

1 of the expenditure to the National Assembly within 6 months after an
2 inauguration.

3 PART II - SERVICES AND FACILITIES AUTHORIZED TO BE PROVIDED TO
4 PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT

5 5.-(1) There shall be provided, upon request, to each President-
6 elect logistics in connection with preparations for the assumption of official
7 duties as President which include:

Services and
facilities of the
President and
Vice President

8 (i) suitable office space properly equipped and furnished,

9 (ii) payment of expenses for the procurement of services of experts
10 or consultants or organizations or committees thereof for the President elect
11 as may be requested,

12 (iii) payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances,
13 including rental of government or hired motor vehicles, found necessary by
14 the President elect, as authorized for persons employed intermittently or for
15 persons servicing without compensation as may be appropriate,

16 (iv) communications services found necessary by the President
17 elect or Vice President,

18 (v) the President elect and the Vice President elect shall be paid
19 travel expenses and subsistence allowances for their upkeep,

20 (vi) the President elect and the Vice President elect shall be entitled
21 to conveyance both within and outside the country in a presidential jet,

22 (vii) the president elect shall be entitled to daily briefings by all the
23 relevant government personnel and agencies on the State of the Nation's
24 Economy and National Security immediately after his election,

25 (viii) In the case where the president elect is the incumbent
26 president or in the case where the vice president elect is the incumbent vice
27 president, there shall be no expenditures or funds for the provisions of
28 services and facilities to such incumbent under this Act, and any funds
29 appropriated for such purposes shall be returned to the general funds of the
30 Treasury.

PART III - INAUGURATION

Inauguration of
the President and
Vice President elect

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2 6.-(1) The venue of the presidential inauguration shall be President
3 Elect the venue to be determined by the committee in consultation with
4 security agencies.

5 (3) Invited Nigerians and other nationals shall have access to the
6 venue of the Inauguration subject to availability of space.

Application

7 7. This Bill shall not apply in the case where the President elect is the
8 incumbent president and vice president elect is the incumbent vice president in
9 respect of services and facilities under part II that are in the opinion of members
10 of the Committee necessary to discharge their functions.

Interpretation

11 8. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:
12 "Committee" means the Presidential Inauguration Committee;
13 "President elect" means the person duly elected president and issued a
14 certificate of return by INEC after the presidential election held to elect the
15 president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
16 "Vice President Elect" means the person duly elected vice president and issued
17 a certificate of return by INEC after the Presidential election held to elect the
18 president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Citation

19 9. This Bill is cited as the Presidential Transition Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish arrangements in practice for the political transfer of administration from one democratically elected President, to another democratically elected President, to provide for the regulation of the political transfer of power and for related matters.