

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 IN SECTION 162 (1) TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL FOR THE FEDERATION (DISTINCT FROM THAT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT)

*Sponsored by Senator Solomon Olamilekan*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in  
2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered in the manner  
3 hereinafter set out in this Bill. Alteration of the  
Principal Act

4           2. Section 162 (1) of the Principal Act is altered by the creation of a Alteration of  
Section 162(1)  
5 new section 162(1)A as follows:

6           162 (1) A - (i) There shall be for the Federation an Accountant -  
7 General who shall, to the exclusion of the Accountant - General of the  
8 Federal Government, maintain, manage and operate the Federation Account  
9 and the Excess Revenue Account of the Federation created and established  
10 by this section and any other Pool Accounts of the Federation by whatever  
11 name so called;

12           (ii) The Accountant -General for the Federation shall be appointed  
13 by the President on the recommendation of the Council of State subject to  
14 confirmation by the Senate;

15           (iii) The power to appoint persons to act in the office of the  
16 Accountant-General for the Federation shall vest in the President;

17           (iv) Except with the sanctions of a resolution of the Senate, no  
18 person shall act in the office of the Accountant-General for the Federation  
19 for a period exceeding six months;

1           (v) A person holding the office of the Accountant-General for the  
2 Federation shall be removed from the office by the President acting on address  
3 supported by two-thirds majority of the Senate praying that he be so removed  
4 for inability to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from  
5 infirmity of mind or body or any other cause) or for misconduct.

6           3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution Alteration Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 in section 162 (1) to provide for the Office of Accountant-General for the Federation.