

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION BILL, 2017

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, VENUE, PROCESSION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE INAUGURATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017

Sponsored by Senator Ike Ekweremadu

[] Commencement

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

PART I - SWEARING-IN

- 1 1. After the election of President and Vice-President, the Inauguration Ceremony
- 2 inauguration ceremony shall be as set out in this Bill.
- 3 2. The President and the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Swearing-in time
- 4 Nigeria shall be sworn-in on the appointed day at appropriate time.

PART II- INAUGURATION

- 6 3.-(i) At the inauguration of any President and Vice - President of Inauguration and Venue
- 7 the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the swearing-in ceremony shall be
- 8 organized and executed by the National Assembly;
- 9 (ii) The inauguration shall take place in the Arcade of the National
- 10 Assembly;
- 11 (iii) The entire inauguration ceremony, apart from the actual The Oaths
- 12 administration of the Oaths of office shall be conducted and officiated by
- 13 members of the National Assembly;
- 14 (iv) The Chief Justice of Nigeria or any other Judge of the Supreme
- 15 Court of Nigeria shall administer the oaths.
- 16 4.-(I) The Members of the National Assembly shall occupy a Sitting Arrangement
- 17 designated seating area and all Principal Officers of the Executive, Judiciary
- 18 and other invited dignitaries shall be given designated seating areas;

1 (ii) Members of the Diplomatic Community shall also be seated in a
2 designated area.

Access to
Venue

3 5. Nigerians and other Nationals shall have access to the Venue of the
4 Inauguration at the National Assembly subject to space constraints, but refusal
5 of access or inability of any person to gain entry into the inauguration Venue
6 shall not give right of action in any Court of law.

National Prayers

7 6. There shall be National Prayers in observance of the inauguration
8 within the week of the inauguration held in designated places of worship in the
9 Federal Capital City on the Friday and Sunday, preceding the date of the
10 inauguration.

11 PART 111 - PROCESSION

Procession to
the Venue

12 7.-(i) The President, Vice-President, former Presidents, former Heads
13 of State, former Heads of the Federal Government, former Vice-Presidents,
14 former Senate Presidents and former Speakers of House of Representatives
15 and former Chief Justices of the Federation may be in attendance with their
16 spouses;

17 (ii) There shall be a formal procession of the dignitaries and each shall
18 be accompanied to the Podium by an appointed serving Senator or Member of
19 the House of Representatives;

20 (iii) The President-elect and Vice-President-elect and their spouses
21 with their immediate families shall be the last to come in the procession for the
22 inauguration;

23 (iv) The President-elect and Vice-President elect at the point of
24 swearing-in shall be supported by their spouses, the serving Senate President
25 and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

26 PART IV - ESTABLISHMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

27 COMMITTEE

Establishment
of the Committee,
its tenure and
functions

28 8.-(i) There is hereby established for each Presidential Inauguration, a
29 Presidential Inauguration Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the
30 Committee"), charged with the preparation and inauguration of the President

- 1 and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- 2 (ii) The Committee shall commence work not later than five (5)
- 3 months before the inauguration;
- 4 (iii) The Committee shall consist of:
- 5 (a) A Chairman who shall be a serving member of the National
- 6 Assembly;
- 7 (b) Twelve other members shall be drawn as follows: 6 from
- 8 Legislature, 2 from Executive and 2 from Judiciary;
- 9 (c) Two members from Civil Societies.
- 10 (iv) The Committee shall have the following sub-committees, each
- 11 charged with the responsibility ascribed to it:
- 12 (a) Ceremonial;
- 13 (b) Security & Accommodation;
- 14 (c) Protocol and Transportation;
- 15 (v) The Chairman and members of the Committee shall serve for
- 16 only one inauguration after which they stand automatically dissolved;
- 17 (vi) The Committee shall be responsible for the arrangement and
- 18 successful inauguration of the President and Vice-President.
- 19 PART V - FUNDING AND SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMITTEE
- 20 9.-(i) The funding of the Committee and the activities of the
- 21 inauguration shall be appropriated for by the National Assembly on every
- 22 inaugural year;
- 23 (ii) Within 6 months after each inauguration, the Secretariat of the
- 24 Committee shall submit an audited account of the expenditure to the
- 25 National Assembly.
- 26 10. The Clerk to the National Assembly shall head the Secretariat
- 27 and shall draw officers from the three arms of government to service the
- 28 secretariat.
- 29 11. This Bill may be cited as the Presidential Inauguration Bill,
- 30 2017.

Funding and
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Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the Inauguration of the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Venue, Procession and Establishment of the Committee responsible for the arrangement and all other activities relating to the inauguration.