

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA ACT TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY, INDEPENDENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE MONETARY POLICY ENVIRONMENT AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREOF

Sponsored by Senator Sam Anyanwu

[] Commencement

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

1 1. Section 6(2) of the Principal Act is here by amended by adding
2 as follows:

Amendment of
Section 6(2) of
the Principal Act

3 (2) Board shall comprise of:

4 (i) Chairman of the Board, who shall be a former vice president,
5 former Senate President, or former Finance Minister;

6 (ii) CBN Governor;

7 (iii) Four Deputy Governors;

8 (iv) Permanent Secretary, Finance Ministry;

9 (v) Five Directors;

10 (vi) Accountant General of the Federation;

11 (vii) Permanent Secretary, of Ministry in charge of Budget and
12 National Planning;

13 (viii) Chief Economic Adviser to the President; and

14 2. Section 6(3) (a) and a new (b) is hereby amended and added
15 respectively as follows:

Amendment of
Section 6(3) of
the Principal Act

16 The Board shall be responsible for:

17 (a) the consideration and internal approval of the annual budget of
18 the Bank;

19 (b) the submission of the CBN's budget estimates to the National

1 Assembly for final approval;

2 (c) The CBN's estimated income and expenditure during the next
3 succeeding year shall be presented on or before September 30th each year.

Amendment of
Section 8

4 3. Section 8 is hereby amended by the addition of subsection (6):

5 8(6) (a) should there be serious accusations of gross
6 corruption/incompetence, the President shall have the power to suspend the
7 Governor or Deputy Governor(s) for a maximum period of 60 (sixty) days
8 pending the final outcome of investigations by the appropriate authorities or
9 panel set up by the President;

10 (b) During the period of investigation, the President shall appoint an
11 acting Governor or Deputy Governor(s), from within the Bank who shall be a
12 Deputy Governor or this highest-ranking officer in the absence of a standing
13 deputy Governor with recognizable financial experience.

14 (c) Section 8 is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection
15 (7) as follows:

16 (7) the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission,
17 subject to the approval of the President RMAFC shall be responsible for
18 determining periodically the salaries and allowances, of the staff of the CBN,
19 including pension and other allowances payable to the Governor and Deputy
20 Governors.

Amendment
of Section 12

21 4. Section 12 is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection
22 (6) as follows:

23 (6) the Governor shall present before the National Assembly at semi-
24 annual hearings on the state of the economy and what monetary policy
25 measures being pursued by the Bank and submit a formal report to the relevant
26 Committees of the National Assembly in this regard.

Amendment
of Section 24

27 5. Section 24 is hereby amended as follows:

28 Section 24 (a-i):

29 Provided they are liquid foreign currency assets that are of investment

1 grade and in the form of freely convertible currencies, with legislative
2 authorization.

3 6. Section 43 is hereby amended by deletion.

Amendment of
Section 43

4 7. This Bill may be cited as the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
5 Act, 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act to provide for greater transparency, independency and accountability in the monetary policy environment.

