

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR COMPULSORY AND PERIODIC PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON URGENT NATIONAL ISSUES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem

[] 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 as set out in this Bill: Alteration of
1999 Constitution
- 3 2. Section 148 is altered by: Alteration of
Section 148
- 4 (a) Renumbering of Section 148;
- 5 (b) By inserting new Subsection (3) to Section 148; and
- 6 (c) That the new subsection shall read:
- 7 Section 148 (3):
- 8 "The President shall hold and have a compulsory and periodical
- 9 joint session address with the National Assembly for the purpose of
- 10 addressing matters of urgent national importance".
- 11 3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
- 12 Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to further alter the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; to make provision for the President to mandatorily and periodically address a joint session of the National Assembly on matters of urgent national importance.