

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PENSION TO RETIREES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS OF DISENGAGEMENT FROM SERVICE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Alex Egbona

[] 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) (as
2 amended) (herein referred to as 'Principal Act') is further amended as set out
3 in this Bill

Amendment of
Constitution of
the Federal Republic
of Nigeria 1999

4 2. Section 173 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting
5 immediately after the existing subsection (4), new subsections "(5)", "(6)"
6 and "(7)".

Alteration of
Section 173

7 (5) pension or gratuity shall be paid to a retiree within Ninety (90)
8 days of disengagement from service;

9 (6) documentation for payment shall commence at least two
10 months before retirement date to give sufficient time to process and check
11 paper works.

12 (7) without prejudice to section 174 of the Constitution of the
13 Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), any person who fails to
14 exercise due diligence to ensure compliance with the provisions of
15 subsection (5) and (6) of this section shall be deemed to have committed
16 offence and is liable to prosecution as may be prescribed by an Act of the
17 National Assembly or State Law as the case may be.

18 3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal
19 Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to provide for the payment of pension to retirees in the public service within ninety days of engagement from service.