

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999, TO PROVIDE TIMEFRAME AND PARTICULARS FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OR HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

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     Alteration of the
- 2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.     Principal Act
- 3           **2.** Section 64 of the Principal Act is altered by substitution of the     Alteration of
- 4 existing subsection (3) for a new subsection "3"-     Section 64
- 5           "3" - Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the person
- 6 elected as the President or exercising such powers shall have power to issue
- 7 a proclamation for the holding of the first session of the National Assembly
- 8 not later than 48 hours after his being sworn in, or for its dissolution as
- 9 provided in this section.
- 10          **3.** Section 64 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting
- 11 immediately after the amended subsection (3) a new subsection "(4)"-
- 12          "(4)" The instrument of Proclamation for the holding of the first
- 13 session of the National Assembly shall contain the following particulars:
- 14           (a) The date, time and venue of the first session;
- 15           (b) Duly signed by the President and given under the hand, and the
- 16 Public Seal of Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- 17           (c) Addressed to the Clerk of the National Assembly, who shall not
- 18 later than 48 hours of receipt of the Proclamation communicate the details
- 19 thereto to all members-elect of the National Assembly; and

1 (d) Publish the Proclamation in at least two National Newspapers  
2 circulating in all the geopolitical zones of the country.

Alteration of  
Section 105 3 **4.** Section 105 of the Principal Act is altered by substitution of the  
4 existing subsection (3) for a new subsection "3"-  
5 "3" - Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the person elected  
6 as the Governor of a State or exercising such powers shall have power to issue a  
7 proclamation for the holding of the first session of the House of Assembly of  
8 the state concerned not later than 48 hours after his being sworn in, or for its  
9 dissolution as provided in this section.

10 **5.** Section 105 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting immediately  
11 after the amended subsection (3) a new subsection "(4)"-  
12 "(4)" The instrument of Proclamation for the holding of the first  
13 session of the House of Assembly of the state concerned shall contain the  
14 following particulars:  
15 (a) The date, time and venue of the first session;  
16 (b) Duly signed by the Governor and given under the hand, and the  
17 Public Seal of the State;  
18 (c) Addressed to the Clerk of the House of Assembly of the state  
19 concerned, who shall not later than 48 hours of receipt of the Proclamation  
20 communicate the details thereto to all members-elect of the House of Assembly  
21 of the state concerned; and  
22 (d) Publish the Proclamation in at least two National Newspapers  
23 circulating in the State.

Citation 24 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic  
25 of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to set a timeframe and particulars for the Proclamation of the National Assembly or House of Assembly.