

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE HOUSES (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) ACT, 2017 TO PRESCRIBE THE OFFENCE AND PUNISHMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF LEGISLATIVE HOUSE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Femi Gbajabamila

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Legislative House (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017
2 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act) is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
Principal Act

3 2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new
4 Sub-Section 1(f) and (g) to read:

Amendment of
Section 14

5 f. Who after having being summoned by a Legislative House,
6 fails, refuses or neglects to do so and does not excuse such failure, refusal or
7 neglect to the satisfaction of the Legislative House or Committee in
8 question.

9 g. Who being a Member of a Legislative House, indulges in an act
10 which in the opinion of the Legislative House amounts to misconduct or
11 contempt of the House.

12 3. Section 14 of the Principal Act is further amended by deleting
13 the word "where" in the beginning of the sentence and replacing the figure
14 "12" with "14" in Sub-Section 3.

15 4. The Bill may be cited as the Legislative Houses (Powers and
16 Privileges) Bill, 2019. (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Legislative House (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017 to prescribe the offence and punishment for Contempt of the Legislative House.