

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS
BY THE PRESIDENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Hon. Ben Rollands Igbakpa

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The President shall not later than six months from the date of
2 enactment of the Appropriation Act by the National Assembly, address a
3 Joint Session of the National Assembly on the State of the Nation. State of the
Nation Address
- 4 2. The President shall address the Joint Session aforesaid on such
5 issues including but not limited to National Security, the Economy, Budget
6 Performance, Foreign Policy and Social Justice. Content of State
of the Nation
address
- 7 3. Where the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria fails,
8 neglects, or refuses to render the state of the Nation Address within the time
9 stipulated by section 1 of this Bill, the National Assembly may by resolution
10 supported by 2/3 majority votes of Members of the Senate and House of
11 Representatives, summon the President to address the Nation pursuant to the
12 provisions of this Bill. Power of the
National Assembly
to summon the
President
- 13 4. The President's Address shall be debated by the National
14 Assembly and the resolution of the National Assembly shall be
15 communicated to the President within sixty (60) days from the date of such
16 address. Resolution
- 17 5. The National Assembly shall have power to regulate its
18 procedure with respect to the provisions of this Bill including the procedure
19 for the summoning of the President to address the Nation. Regulation of
procedure

Interpretation	1	6. For the purposes of this Bill-
	2	"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
	3	1999;
	4	"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
	5	"Appropriation Bill shall bear the meaning assigned to it by section 81 (2) of
	6	the Constitution. -
	7	"National Assembly" means the Senate and the House of Representatives;
	8	"Address" means State of the Nation Address.
Citation	9	7. This Bill may be cited as the State of the Nation Address Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make the President accountable to the Nigerian People as represented by the National Assembly and to render account of his stewardship to the Nation and allowing for input from members of the National Assembly towards the good governance of the Federation.