

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE HOUSES (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) ACT, 2017 TO PRESERVE THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF A LEGISLATIVE HOUSE, AND GUARANTEE THE PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF POWERS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by:

Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan

Hon. Princess Miriam Onuoha

[] 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 Amendment of
2 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act) is amended as set out in this Bill; Principal Act
- 3 **2.** Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of
4 Sub-Section 1(A) to read: Section 1
- 5 1(A). A criminal or Civil proceeding shall not be instituted against
- 6 a Member or a Legislative House for a matter before it or its Committee save
- 7 that a proceeding can be instituted for judicial review upon completion of
- 8 legislative action on the said matter by the Legislative House or its
- 9 Committees.
- 10 **3.** The Bill may be cited as the Legislative Houses (Powers and Citation
11 Privileges) Act, (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Legislative House (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017 to preserve the Legislative Powers of a Legislative House and guarantee the principle of Separation of Powers.