A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATE FORMAT(S) FOR THE PRESENTATION AND OR ARRANGEMENT OF CITIZENS' NAMES IN NIGERIA FOR PURPOSES OF UNIFORM ORDERLY APPLICATION, DOCUMENTATION AND TREATMENT, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Olufemi Fakeye

] Commencement

Orderly Presentation

of Names

Provisions as to the Writing of

Personal Names

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BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

1. The presentation of names of citizens of Nigeria and other
 persons in correspondences, documents, processes, testimonials and
 certificates shall be arranged in the following order(s):

4 2.-(1) First Name (first), Middle Name(s) (next), and finally,
5 Surname (last) or,

6 (2) Surname (first, with comma (punctuation) or in capital letters),

7 First Name (next) and finally, Middle Name(s) last.

8 (3) The above order of presentation shall also apply where the First
9 and Middle Names are written using the initials of such names.

3. Where a specific requirement is made, as in the form of a document sought to be completed providing boxes or different places labelled "Surname", "First Name" and "Middle Name(s)", such forms or documents should be completed as required without any comma (punctuation) after the surname.

4. Under this Bill, it shall be lawful:
(1) to refuse to recognise, dishonour or reject the name of any
person who presented the writing of his or her names, contrary to the
provisions of this Bill.

Exception to the Arrangement of Names

Penalty for Mispresentation of Names under the Bill Citation

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5. This Bill may be cited as the Appropriate Arrangement of Names Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide appropriate format(s) for the presentation of citizens' names in Nigeria, for the purpose of a uniform orderly application, documentation and treatment.