## **A BILL**

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO SPECIFY THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OR GOVERNOR OF A STATE PRESENTS THE APPROPRIATION BILL BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OR HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Senator Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi

Commencement

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

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Citation

1	"(1A) The House of Assembly shall pass the Appropriation Bill
2	before the commencement of the next financial year."
3	4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
4	of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration, No. 28) Bill, 2019.
	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the time within which the President or, Governor shall lay the Appropriation Bill before the National Assembly or House of Assembly to encourage early presentation and passage of Appropriation Bills.