

# 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

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[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in  
2 this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. Alteration of  
the Constitution,  
1999
- 3           **2.** Section 81 of the Principal Act is altered by: Alteration of  
section 81
- 4           (a) substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)":
- 5           "(1) The President shall cause to be prepared and laid before each  
6 House of the National Assembly not later than ninety days to the end of a  
7 financial year, estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the Federation  
8 for the next following financial year"; and
- 9           (b) inserting, after subsection (1), a new subsection "(1A)":
- 10           "(1A)The National Assembly shall pass the Appropriation Bill  
11 before the commencement of the next financial year."
- 12           **3.** Section 121 of the Principal Act is altered by: Alteration of  
section 121
- 13           (a) substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)":
- 14           "(1) The Governor shall cause to be prepared and laid before the  
15 House of Assembly not later than ninety days to the end of a financial year  
16 estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the State for the next following  
17 financial year"; and
- 18           (b) inserting, after subsection (1), a new subsection "(1A)":

1                   "(1A) The House of Assembly shall pass the Appropriation Bill  
2 before the commencement of the next financial year."

Citation

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.