

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ENABLE THE PRESIDENT AND STATE GOVERNORS TO DESIGNATE AND ASSIGN PORTFOLIOS TO PERSONS NOMINATED AS MINISTERS OR COMMISSIONERS BEFORE CONFORMATION BY THE SENATE OR STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored Senator T.A. Orji

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as
2 amended) (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby altered as
3 set out below. Amendment of
the Principal Act
- 4 **2.** Section 147 Subsection (1) of the Principal Act is amended by
5 inserting the words "and designated" immediately after the word
6 "established" in the second line of that subsection. Amendment of
Section 147
- 7 **3.** Section 147 is further amended in subsection (2) by inserting the
8 words "and designated" immediately after the word "nomination".
- 9 **4.** Section 147 of the Principal Act is again amended by adding a
10 proviso to subsection (2) to read as follows:
11 "Provided that the President shall assign portfolios and designation
12 to the names of persons nominated as ministers and forward same to the
13 Senate for confirmation within 60 days from the day he takes the oath of
14 office as President".
- 15 **5.** Section 192 Subsection (1) of the Principal Act is amended by
16 inserting the words 'and designated' immediately after the word 'established'
17 in the second line of that subsection. Amendment of
Section 192

1 6. Section 192 is further amended in subsection (2) by inserting the
2 words 'and designation' immediately after the word 'nomination'.

3 7. Section 192 of the Principal Act is again amended by adding a
4 proviso to subsection (2) to read as follows:

5 “Provided that the Governor of a State shall assign portfolios and
6 designation to the names of persons nominated as Commissioners and forward
7 same to the House of Assembly of a State for confirmation within 60 days from
8 the day he takes the oath of office as Governor”.

Citation

9 8. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
10 Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) (Portfolio Designation) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to enable the President or Governor of a State to designate and assign portfolios to persons nominated as Ministers or Commissioners respectively, and set a time frame within which such nominations shall be forwarded to the Senate or a State House of Assembly for confirmation.