

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO GIVE FORCE OF LAW TO RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Obi Aguocha*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** The primary objective of this Bill is to provide the regulatory Objectives of
- 2      framework to- this Bill
- 3           (a) give force of law to the resolution passed by both Houses of the
- 4      National Assembly; and
- 5           (b) establish the general principles for application of this Act.
- 6           **2.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal
- 7      Republic of Nigeria and the rules of both Houses of the National assembly, a
- 8      resolution on any subject on which the Nation Assembly is empowered to
- 9      legislate, shall be complied with and have binding effect or any
- 10     Person/Persons, entity, authority, department, agency of government, their
- 11     agents/privies to whom the resolution may be addressed, where such a
- 12     resolution is passed by both Houses of the National Assembly.
- 13           (2) A motion for a resolution referred in section 1(1) above, may
- 14     originate in and passed by both Houses or originate in and passed by either
- 15     House and communicated to the other House of the National Assembly for
- 16     concurrence.
- 17           (3) A resolution so passed by both Houses of the National
- 18     Assembly shall be communicated to the Person/Persons, authority, entity or
- 19     agency concerned for compliance, within the time specified therein.
- 20           **3.** Any person/persons, authority, entity/agency who fails, Non-compliance
- 21     neglects, refuses to comply, and condones or abets non-compliance with a

	1	resolution passed in accordance with section (1) above, shall be issued with a
	2	query and an ultimatum to comply within another period of 14 days by the
	3	Clerk of the National Assembly.
Penalty for Defaulters	4	4.-(1) If after the 14 days period given in section 2 above, he refuses,
	5	fails, neglects, to comply, and condones or abets non-compliance, the person
	6	shall be deemed to have committed an act of gross misconduct, and;
	7	(2) In case of an elected political office-holder, shall be liable to trial
	8	as contained in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and other
	9	relevant enactments.
	10	(3) In case of any other person/persons, entity/organization, shall be
	11	deemed to have ceased to be fit and proper person to hold any public and
	12	corporate office of trust and responsibility in Nigeria and stand dismissed from
	13	his present office and remains so disqualified for period of 5 years; provided
	14	that where an entity commits an offence of non-compliance, the Chief
	15	Executive and Directors of the entity by any name whatsoever called, shall be
	16	liable to the penalties stipulated under this Act.
Powers of the Clerk	17	5. Where a resolution demands compliance with a policy / activity
	18	direction on any issue, on sustainable basis, the penalties stipulated under this
	19	Act shall apply at any time a case of non-compliance is brought to the attention
	20	of the Clerk, provided that any member of the National Assembly or its
	21	Committee shall have the right to bring a case of non-compliance to the
	22	attention of the Clerk.
Recession of National Assembly Resolutions	23	6. A resolution passed in accordance with section 1 above may be
	24	rescinded by the National Assembly, provided that a motion for recession shall
	25	be passed by two-thirds majority of both Houses of the National Assembly.
Interpretation	26	7. In this Act:
	27	"Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" means the 1999 Constitution
	28	of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
	29	"Rules of both Houses of the National Assembly" means rules contained in the
	30	standing orders of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Federal

1 Republic of Nigeria;  
2 "Any subject on which the National Assembly is empowered to legislate"  
3 means any subject in the exclusive legislative and concurrent list of the 1999  
4 constitution (as altered) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or in any other  
5 law or enactment;  
6 "Entity" means body corporate both governmental and non- governmental;  
7 "Elected public office holder" means a person elected to a specified term of  
8 office as provided by the constitution and in accordance with the Electoral  
9 Act;  
10 "National Assembly" means the Nigerian Senate and the House of  
11 Representatives;  
12 "Two-thirds majority" means 2/3 majority of members of each House of the  
13 National Assembly present and voting, quorum having been formed;  
14 "Clerk" means Clerk to the National Assembly.

15 **8.** This Bill may be cited as Resolutions of the National Assembly Citation  
16 Compliance Bill, 2023.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to give force of Law to Resolutions passed by the both Houses of the National Assembly pursuant to Section 4 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered).