

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (WITH ALTERATIONS) IN ORDER TO GRANT TO THE TWO CHAMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND STATES' HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY, POWERS TO SUMMON THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND GOVERNORS OF STATES RESPECTIVELY, TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON ISSUES OF NATIONAL SECURITY OR ANY MATTER WHATSOEVER, OVER WHICH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND STATES' HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY, HAVE POWERS TO MAKE LAWS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (With
2 Alterations) (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby
3 amended as set out hereunder. Amendment of
the Principal Act
- 4 **2.** Section 67 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new
5 subsection (3) as follows: Amendment of
Section 67 by
inserting a new
subsection (3)
- 6 (3) Nothing in this section shall preclude any Chamber of the
7 National Assembly from summoning the President of the Federal Republic
8 of Nigeria to attend a joint session of the National Assembly to answer
9 questions on national security or on any issue whatsoever, over which the
10 National Assembly has powers to make laws.
- 11 **3.** Section 67 of the Principal Act is amended by renumbering the
12 old subsection (3) and giving it a new number (4). Amendment of
Section 67 by
renumbering the
old subsection (3)
- 13 **4.** Section 107 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new
14 subsection (3) as follows: Amendment of
Section 108 by
inserting a new
subsection (3)

1 (3) Nothing in this section shall preclude the House of Assembly of
2 the State from summoning the Governor of the State to attend a sitting of the
3 House of Assembly to answer questions on security or on any issue
4 whatsoever, over which the House of Assembly has powers to make laws.

Amendment of
Section 108 by
renumbering the
old subsection (3)

5 **5.** Section 107 of the Principal Act is amended by renumbering the old
6 subsection (3) and giving it a new number (4).

Citation

7 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
8 Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended) in order to grant to the two Chambers of the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, powers to summon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Governors of States respectively, to answer questions on issues of national security or any matter whatsoever, over which the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, have powers to make laws.