

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPEAR BEFORE EACH HOUSE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY, TO PRESENT AN ACCOUNT OF HIS STEWARDSHIP AS PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR, BEFORE PRESENTING THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As
2 Amended) (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is altered as set out in
3 this Bill. Constitution
Alteration
- 4 **2.** Section 67 of Principal Act is altered by amending the Alteration of
Section 67 of
Principal Act
5 provisions of subsections 1, inserting new subsections 3, 4 and 5 before the
6 extant subsection 3 and renumbering accordingly as follows:
7 “(1) The President shall attend any joint sitting of the two Houses
8 of the National Assembly or any sitting of either House of the National
9 Assembly, either to deliver an address on national affairs, including fiscal
10 measures, or to make such statement on the policy of government as he
11 considers to be of national importance.”
- 12 “(2) A Minister of the Government of the Federation shall attend
13 either House of the National Assembly if invited to explain to the House the
14 conduct of his Ministry and in particular when the affairs of that Ministry are
15 under discussion.”
- 16 “(3) The President shall present an account of his stewardship as

1 President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria before a joint sitting of the two
2 Houses of the National Assembly annually. The account of his stewardship
3 shall be a detailed report of his activities and performances in office as
4 President in the preceding year."

5 "(b) The President shall present his account of stewardship report not
6 later than 14 days to the date he intends to present the budget estimate for the
7 following financial year before a joint, sitting of the National Assembly."

8 "(4)(0) After the presentation of his account of stewardship report, the
9 National Assembly shall decide whether or not the President has justified his
10 stay in office for the preceding year. If the National Assembly is satisfied that
11 the President has justified his stay in office in the preceding year, it shall pass a
12 vote of confidence on the President."

13 "(b) Where the National Assembly is not satisfied with the
14 performance of the President in the preceding year, it shall pass a vote of no
15 confidence on the President and shall thereupon commence the process for his
16 impeachment from office as President."

17 "(5)(0) Nothing in this section shall preclude the two Houses of the
18 National Assembly from summoning the President of the Federal Republic of
19 Nigeria to attend a joint sitting of the National Assembly to answer questions
20 on national security or on any issue whatsoever, over which the National
21 Assembly has powers to make laws."

22 "(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude the two Houses of the
23 National Assembly from summoning the President of the Federal Republic of
24 Nigeria to attend a joint sitting of the National Assembly to present his Account
25 of Stewardship Report at a time the National Assembly deems necessary."

Alteration of
Section 81 of
Principal Act

26 **3.** Section 81 of Principal Act is altered by inserting a subsection 2
27 before the extant subsection 2 and renumbering accordingly as follows:

28 "(2) Before presenting the estimates of the revenues and expenditure
29 of the Federation for the next financial year in subsection 1 of this section, the
30 President shall present to a joint sitting of the two Houses of the National

1 Assembly, an account of his stewardship as President of the Federal
2 Republic of Nigeria for the preceding year.”

3 **4.** This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Citation
4 Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended) to provide that the President shall appear before each House of the National Assembly annually, to give an account of his stewardship as President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the preceding year, before presenting the budget estimates for the next financial year.