

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY ATTENDANCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THAT OF THE GOVERNORS TO A JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL AND STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLIES RESPECTIVELY, TO DELIVER STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS AND STATE OF THE STATES ADDRESSES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsors:

Hon. Mansur Manu Soro

Hon. Fatima Talba

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in Amendment of
2 this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act. the Constitution
- 3 **2.** Section 67 (1) of the Principal Act is amended to read thus "The Amendment of
4 President shall attend a joint meeting of the National Assembly at least every section 67
5 six months to deliver an address on national affairs including fiscal and sub-section (1)
6 security measures or to make statement on the policy of government
7 considered to be of national importance.
- 8 **3.** Section 108 (1) of the Principal Act is amended to read thus Amendment of
9 "The Governor of a State shall attend a meeting of the House of Assembly at section 108
10 least every six months to deliver an address on state affairs including sub-section (1)
11 security and fiscal measures or to make statement on the policy of
12 government considered to be of importance to the State.
- 13 **4.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, Citation
14 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for mandatory attendance of the President and Governors to a joint meeting of the federal and state parliaments respectively; to deepen executive--legislature engagement and to galvanize government response to challenges related to security and the economy.