

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER SECTION 14(2)(B) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO CLARIFY THE PRIMARY PURPOSE
OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko

[] Commencement

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

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Section 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of

Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered by:

(a) deleting the existing provision which states:

"The security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of

government;"

(b) substituting with the following new provision:

"The security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of all

governments Federal, State, and Local and all public institutions deriving

authority therefrom, and shall be justiciable under this Constitution."

2. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2025.
- Alteration of

Section 14(2)(b)

of the Constitution

Short title

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend Section 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide clarity on the tiers of government responsible for ensuring the security and welfare of the people. The amendment aims to:

(1) Eliminate ambiguity regarding the responsibilities of different tiers of government.

(2) Ensure that the primary purpose of government is explicitly stated as a collective responsibility of all levels of government and public institutions.

(3) Make the right to security and welfare justiciable, allowing citizens to seek legal enforcement of these rights.

(4) Strengthen accountability and governance by clearly defining the roles of Federal, State, and Local governments, as well as public institutions, in safeguarding the security and welfare of the people.