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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR ROTATION OF POWER AMONG THE
GEO-POLITICAL ZONES, SENATORIAL ZONES AND FEDERAL
CONSTITUENCIES IN PRESIDENTIAL, GUBERNATORIAL AND SENATORIAL
ELECTIONS IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by: Senator Abba Moro

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria-

1 **1. The Objects of the Bill-**

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Bill

2 (i) This Bill seeks to address the marginalization of minority ethnic
3 groups and tribes in Nigeria;

4 (ii) Give equal opportunity to every Nigerian citizen to contribute
5 to nation building;

6 (iii) It seeks to exact competency, character and capacity above
7 ethnic supremacy and dominance;

8 (iv) The Bill further seeks to unite and harness our diversity as a
9 source of strength rather than polarization;

10 (v) It also seeks to ignite the spirit of patriotism and nationalism
11 among citizens; and

12 (vi) The Bill seeks to inspire hope in the project "Nigeria".

13 **2. The Office of the President of Nigeria shall revolve round the**
14 six Geo-Political Zones, with each State holding the office for a maximum
15 of two terms of four years each, to give every Section and State in Nigeria a
16 sense of inclusion, participation and representation in Nigeria's democracy.

Office of the
President

17 **3. The Office of the Governor of a State in Nigeria shall revolve**
18 round all the three Senatorial Zones in the State, to give every indigene of the

Office of the
Governor of a
State

	1	State a sense of inclusion, participation and representation in the development
	2	of the State.
Office of the Senator	3	4. Senatorial election shall rotate round all the Federal Constituencies
	4	in the Senatorial Zone to give a sense of inclusion, participation and
	5	representation in the Constituencies to engineer social progress and
	6	development.
Eligibility	7	5.-(1) Every Federal Constituency in a Senatorial District which has
	8	produced a Senator shall not be eligible to produce a Senator, unless and until
	9	all other Federal Constituencies produce a Senator.
	10	(2) Every Local Government which has produced a Member of House
	11	of Representatives shall not be eligible to produce a Member of House of
	12	Representatives upon cessation of tenure, unless and until all Local
	13	Governments in the Federal Constituency produces a Member of House of
	14	Representatives.
	15	(3) For the offices of a Senator and Member of House of
	16	Representatives; the effective date for a Federal Constituency or Local
	17	Government to become eligible shall be the date where the occupant of the
	18	office officially ceases to hold that office, either on completion of a term or
	19	through any other means of cessation of power.
	20	(4) Provided the occupant of an office in (3) above shall have served a
	21	full term of 4 years or any number of terms that Electorates validated through
	22	an election
	23	(5) The effective date for consideration in the rotation of power shall
	24	be 29th May 1999, when the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
	25	1999 (as amended), became effective.
	26	(6) Any Zone in Nigeria which has produced a President of the
	27	Federal Republic shall not be eligible to produce another President until the
	28	other Zones take their turn.
	29	(7) Every State in a Geopolitical Zone which has produced an
	30	occupant of the office of the President, shall not be eligible to produce a

1 President, in the event of return of rotational turn to such a Geopolitical
2 Zone, unless and until the other States in the Zones have taken their turns.

3 (8) Every Senatorial Zone in a state which has produced Governor
4 of that State in a democratically conducted election shall not be eligible to
5 produce a Governor, unless and until other Senatorial Zones produce
6 Governors of the State.

7 **6.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

8 (a) Rotation of power means revolving of political power among
9 the Geo-Political Zones, Senatorial Zones and Federal Constituencies, in
10 Presidential, Gubernatorial and Senatorial offices in Nigeria;

11 (b) Geo-Political Zones means all that form a block for
12 administrative and political convenience vis a vis:

13 (i) North West;

14 (ii) North East;

15 (iii) North Central;

16 (iv) South East;

17 (v) South South;

18 (vi) South West.

19 (c) For the purpose of this Bill, the States of Nigeria shall be the
20 States as enshrined under Section (3) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal
21 Republic of Nigeria (as amended) and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

22 (d) North West consists of the following States: Kaduna, Kano,
23 Katsina, Zamfara, Sokoto and Kebbi;

24 (e) North East consists of the following States: Borno, Yobe,
25 Jigawa, Taraba, Gombe, Bauchi and Adamawa;

26 (f) North Central consists of the following States: Benue, Kogi, Nasarawa,
27 Plateau, Niger and Kwara;

28 (g) South East consists of the following States; Enugu, Ebonyi,
29 Anambra, Imo and Abia;

30 (h) South South consists of the following States; Rivers, Bayelsa,

	1	Delta, Edo, Cross River and Akwa Ibom;
	2	(i) South West consists of the following, States; Lagos, Ogun, Osun,
	3	Ekiti and Ondo.
Short title	4	7. This Bill may be cited as the Rotation of Power Bill, 2022.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make provisions for Rotation of Power among the Geo-Political Zones, Senatorial Zones and Federal Constituencies in Presidential, Gubernatorial and Senatorial Elections in Nigeria.