

**A BILL FOR**  
**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET AND RESEARCH OFFICE, WHICH SHALL**  
**PROVIDE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH OBJECTIVE, TIMELY AND NON-PARTISAN ANALYSIS NEEDED FOR**  
**ECONOMIC AND BUDGET DECISIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2016**

|                                        | As passed by the House of Representatives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | As passed by the Senate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | RECOMMENDATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Remarks                |
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| <b>1. Long Title</b>                   | AN ACT to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions; and for Other Related Matters, 2016 (HB. 377)                                | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE <del>INDEPENDENT</del> NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET AND RESEARCH OFFICE, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH OBJECTIVE, TIMELY AND NON-PARTISAN ANALYSIS NEEDED FOR ECONOMIC AND BUDGET DECISIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2016                                | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET AND RESEARCH OFFICE, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH OBJECTIVE, TIMELY AND NON-PARTISAN ANALYSIS NEEDED FOR ECONOMIC AND BUDGET DECISIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2016                                                      | Senate Version Adopted |
| <b>2. Establishment of the office.</b> | <p>(1) There is established under this Bill the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (in this Bill referred to as "NABRO").</p> <p>(2) The NABRO shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, an official seal, and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.</p> | <p>-(1) There is established under this Bill the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (in this Bill referred to as "NABRO").</p> <p>(2) NABRO shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, an official seal, and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.</p> | <p>(1) There is established under this Bill the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (in this Bill referred to as "NABRO").</p> <p>(2) NABRO shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, an official seal, and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.</p> | Senate Version Adopted |

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| <p><b>3.<br/>Functions.</b></p> | <p>The functions of NABRO shall be to-</p> <p>(a) provide independent, unbiased and non-partisan analysis of the national budget estimates;</p> <p>(b) provide independent unbiased analysis of the budget of the National Assembly and assist all the committees of the National Assembly in developing their annual budgets;</p> <p>(c) provide independent and continuous review of the budget of the Federal Government including monitoring of existing and proposed programme and budgets;</p> <p>(d) provide assistance to all committees in both Chambers of the National Assembly, including —</p> <p>(i) information with respect to budget and all bills relating to new budget heads;</p> <p>(ii) information with respect to estimated future revenue and changing revenue conditions;</p> <p>(iii) aggregate of all current liabilities and existing financial commitments; and</p> <p>(iv) any related information as the</p> | <p>The functions of NABRO shall be to-</p> <p>(a) provide independent, unbiased and non-partisan analysis of the national budget estimates;</p> <p>(b) provide independent unbiased analysis of the budget of the National Assembly and assist all the Committees of the National Assembly in developing their annual budgets;</p> <p>(c) provide independent and continuous review of the budget of the Federal Government including monitoring of existing and proposed programme and budgets;</p> <p>(d) provide assistance to all Committees in both Chambers of the National Assembly, including-</p> <p>(i) information with respect to budget and all bills relating to new budget heads;</p> <p>(ii) information with respect to estimated future revenue and changing revenue conditions;</p> <p>(iii) aggregate of all current liabilities and existing financial commitments; and</p> <p>(iv) any related information as the</p> | <p>The functions of NABRO shall be to-</p> <p>(a) provide independent, unbiased and non-partisan analysis of the national budget estimates;</p> <p>(b) provide independent unbiased analysis of the budget of the National Assembly and assist all the Committees of the National Assembly in developing their annual budgets;</p> <p>(c) provide independent and continuous review of the budget of the Federal Government including monitoring of existing and proposed programmes and budgets;</p> <p>(d) provide assistance to all Committees in both Chambers of the National Assembly, including-</p> <p>(i) information with respect to budget and all bills relating to new budget heads;</p> <p>(ii) information with respect to estimated future revenue and changing revenue conditions;</p> <p>(iii) aggregate of all current liabilities and existing financial commitments; and</p> | <p>Senate Version<br/>Adopted</p> |
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| <p><b>4. Power of the Office.</b></p> | <p>The Office shall have the power to do all things necessary to or in connection with the performance of its functions, including, but not limited to the power to —</p> <p>(a) enter into agreement, acquire, hold and dispose of property;</p> <p>(b) procure the services of experts, consultants and organisations;</p> <p>(c) enter into partnership or affiliation with any company, firm, organization, agency or person, which in its opinion will facilitate the discharge of its functions;</p> <p>(d) request for and obtain, from any public enterprise, statistical and other information including reports, memoranda, audited accounts and other information relevant to its functions;</p> | <p>NABRO shall have the power to do all things necessary to or in connection with the performance of its functions, including, but not limited to the power to-</p> <p>(a) enter into agreement, acquire, hold and dispose of property;</p> <p>(b) procure the services of experts, consultants and organisations;</p> <p>(c) enter into partnership or affiliation with any company, firm, organization, agency or person, which in its opinion will facilitate the discharge of its functions;</p> <p>(d) request for and obtain, from any public enterprise, statistical and other information including reports, memoranda, audited accounts and other information relevant to its functions;</p> | <p>NABRO shall have the power to do all things necessary to or in connection with the performance of its functions, including, but not limited to the power to-</p> <p>(a) enter into agreement, acquire, hold and dispose of property;</p> <p>(b) procure the services of experts, consultants and organisations;</p> <p>(c) enter into partnership or affiliation with any company, firm, organisation, agency or person, which in its opinion will facilitate the discharge of its functions;</p> <p>(d) request for and obtain, from any public enterprise, statistical and other information including reports, memoranda, audited accounts and other information relevant to its functions;</p> | <p>Senate Version Adopted</p> |

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| <p><b>5. Governing Board</b></p> | <p>(1) There shall be for the Office, a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").</p> <p>(2) The Board shall comprise a Chairman and 6 members representing the 6 geopolitical zones of the country and representatives of Clerk of National Assembly not below the rank of a Director:</p> <p>(i) a Chairman and 6 members representing each of the geopolitical zones;</p> <p>(ii) the Director General of the Office;</p> | <p>(1) There shall be for NABRO, a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").</p> <p>(2) The Board shall comprise of the following:</p> <p>(i) The President of the Senate as the Chairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as the Vice Chairman and six Members from the Senate and six Members from the House of Representatives representing each geo-political zone.</p> <p>(ii) The Director General shall be a member and secretary of the</p> | <p>(1) There shall be for NABRO, a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").</p> <p>(2) The Board shall comprise of the following:</p> <p>(i) The President of the Senate as the Chairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as alternate Chairman and six Members from the Senate and six Members from the House of Representatives representing each geo-political zone.</p> <p>(ii) Director General shall be a member and secretary of the</p> | <p>Senate Version Adopted</p> |

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|                                        | <p>(iii) three Ex-Officio members comprising the Representative of Clerk to the National Assembly and the two Executive Directors of the Office.</p> <p>(3) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by both the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.</p> <p>(4) The Chairman and members of the Board shall hold office for a single tenure of 4 years only.</p> <p>(5) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be part-time members.</p> <p>(6) The provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall apply with respect to proceedings of the Board.</p> | <p>Board.</p> <p>(iii) Delete</p> <p>(3) Members of the Board shall be appointed by the President of the Senate in consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives.</p> <p>Delete</p> <p>(4) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be part-time members.</p> <p>(5) The provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall apply with respect to proceedings of the Board.</p> | <p>Board.</p> <p>(iii) Clerk to the National Assembly</p> <p>(3) Members of the Board shall be appointed by the President of the Senate in consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives.</p> <p>Delete</p> <p>(4) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be part-time members.</p> <p>(5) The provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall apply with respect to proceedings of the Board.</p> |                        |
| <b>6. Qualification for membership</b> | Members of the Board shall have relevant professionals' qualification and experience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Delete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Delete.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Senate Version Adopted |
| <b>7. Removal from Office.</b>         | The Chairman or any member of the Board other than ex officio members shall be removed from office, by simple majority votes of each chambers of National Assembly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Delete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Delete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Senate Version Adopted |

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| <b>8. Allowances and Remunerations of Members of the Board</b> | There shall be paid to every member of the Board except the Director-General, such remunerations, allowances and expenses as determined by the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Delete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Delete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Senate Version Adopted |
| <b>9. Powers and functions of the governing Board</b>          | <p>The Governing Board shall have supervisory authority over the Office and shall exercise the following powers —</p> <p>(a) appointment and discipline of Directors in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;</p> <p>(b) approval and ratification of appointments, promotion and discipline of Professional Analysts and other professional staff of the Office, as may be recommended by the Management Committee and in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;</p> <p>(c) approval of the Office budget subject to ratification by National Assembly;</p> <p>(d) to make regulations and guidelines for the operation of the Office;</p> | <p>The Governing Board shall have supervisory authority over NABRO and shall exercise the following powers-</p> <p>(a) appointment and discipline of Directors in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;</p> <p>(b) approval and ratification of appointments, promotion and discipline of professional analysts and other professional staff of NABRO, as may be recommended by the Management Committee and in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;</p> <p>(c) approval of NABRO budget subject to ratification by National Assembly;</p> <p>(d) to make regulations and guidelines for the operation of the Office;</p> | <p>The Governing Board shall have supervisory authority over NABRO and shall exercise the following powers-</p> <p>(a) appointment and discipline of Directors in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;</p> <p>(b) approval and ratification of appointments, promotion and discipline of professional analysts and other professional staff of NABRO, as may be recommended by the Management Committee and in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;</p> <p>(c) approval of NABRO budget subject to ratification by National Assembly;</p> <p>(d) make regulations and guidelines for the operation of the Office;</p> | Senate Version Adopted |

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| <p><b>10.</b></p> <p><b>Establishment and functions of the management Committee</b></p> | <p>There shall be for the Office a Management Committee comprising the Director-General and the Directors who shall be responsible for —</p> <p>(a) the implementation of the requests from the committees of the National Assembly and the day-to-day administration of the Office;</p> <p>(b) making recommendations to the Governing Board on appointment, promotion and discipline of professional staff other than Directors, and</p> <p>(c) any other duties as the Governing Board may direct.</p> <p>(2) The Office shall be structured into functional departments each headed by a Director.</p> <p>(3) Subject to the power of the Governing Board to create</p> | <p>There shall be for NABRO a Management Committee comprising the Director-General and the Directors who shall be responsible for —</p> <p>(a) the implementation of the requests from the committees of the National Assembly and the day-to-day administration of NABRO;</p> <p>(b) making recommendations to the Governing Board on appointment, promotion and discipline of professional staff other than Directors, and</p> <p>(c) any other duties as the Governing Board may direct.</p> <p>(2) NABRO shall be structured into functional departments each headed by a Director.</p> <p>(3) Subject to the power of the Governing Board to create</p> | <p>There shall be for NABRO a Management Committee comprising the Director-General and the Directors who shall be responsible for —</p> <p>(a) the implementation of the requests from the committees of the National Assembly and the day-to-day administration of NABRO;</p> <p>(b) making recommendations to the Governing Board on appointment, promotion and discipline of professional staff other than Directors, and</p> <p>(c) any other duties as the Governing Board may direct.</p> <p>(2) NABRO shall be structured into functional departments each headed by a Director.</p> <p>(3) Subject to the power of the Governing Board to create</p> | <p>Senate Version Adopted</p> |

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| <p><b>11.</b><br/><b>Appointment, duties, tenure and removal of the Director-General</b></p> | <p>(1) The Director-General who shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Office.</p> <p>(2) The Director-General shall be appointed upon a resolution of a simple majority of both Chambers sitting separately after considering recommendation of the appropriate committees in both Senate and House of Representatives; and the appointment shall be based solely on professional competence and qualification.</p> <p>(3) The Director-General shall be a person of proven integrity who has had at least 15 years post</p> | <p>(1) The Director-General shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of NABRO.</p> <p>(2) The Director General shall be appointed by the Senate President in consultation with the Speaker, House of Representatives.</p> <p>(3) The Director General shall possess appropriate qualifications and 20 years cognate experience</p>  | <p>(1) The Director-General shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of NABRO.</p> <p>(2) The Director General shall be appointed by the Senate President in consultation with the Speaker, House of Representatives.</p> <p>(3) The Director General shall possess appropriate qualifications and 20 years cognate experience</p>  | <p>Senate Version Adopted</p> |

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|  | <p>bachelor's degree career with not less than a Master's degree qualification in the field of either economics, finance, accountancy, business administration, public administration.</p> <p>(4) The Director-General shall not be a member of a political party.</p> <p>(5) The Director-General shall hold office for a period of 4 years, and may be eligible for reappointment for one more term of 4 years only, provided the Governing Board considers his performance satisfactory.</p> <p>(6) The Director-General shall be responsible for the overall operations of the Office including but not limited to —</p> <p>(a) steering and overseeing the provision of analysis of the annual budget estimates of the Federal Government and the implementation of the requests or directives of Legislative Committees;</p> | <p>(4) The Director-General shall not be a member of a political party.</p> <p>(5) The Director-General shall hold office for a period of 4 years, and may be eligible for reappointment for one more term of 4 years only, provided the Governing Board considers his performance satisfactory.</p> <p>(6) The Director-General shall be responsible for the overall operations of NABRO including but not limited to-</p> <p>(a) procuring the temporary (not to exceed one year) of intermitted services of expert or consultants or organizations thereof by contracts as independent contractors, or, in the case of individual experts or consultants by employment at rates of pay not in excess of the daily equivalent of the highest rate of basic pay payable under the conditions of service in the Federal</p> | <p>(4) The Director-General shall not be a member of a political party.</p> <p>(5) The Director-General shall hold office for a period of 4 years, and may be eligible for reappointment for one more term of 4 years only, provided the Governing Board considers his performance satisfactory.</p> <p>(6) The Director-General shall be responsible for the overall operations of NABRO including but not limited to-</p> <p>(a) procuring the temporary (not to exceed one year) of intermitted services of experts or consultants or organizations thereof by contracts as independent contractors, or, in the case of individual experts or consultants by employment at rates of pay not in excess of the daily equivalent of the highest rate of basic pay payable under the conditions of service in</p> |  |
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|  | (b) general management and administration of the Office; | <p>Civil Service of the Federal Republic of Nigeria</p> <p>(b) The Director General shall secure information, data, estimates and statistics directly from the various departments of the Executive branch of the government and the regulatory agencies and communications of government. All such departments, agencies, establishments, regulatory agencies and commissions shall furnish the Director General with available material which it determines to be necessary in the performance of his duties and functions (other than material disclosure of which would be a violation of this Act.) The Director General is also authorized, upon agreement with the head of any such department, agency, establishment, regulatory agency or commission to utilize its services, facilities and personnel with or without reimbursement; and head of each such department, agency or commission is authorized to provide the office such services, facilities and personnel.</p> <p>(c) steering and overseeing the</p> | <p>the Federal Civil Service of the Federal Republic of Nigeria</p> <p>(b) The Director General shall secure information, data, estimates and statistics directly from the various departments of the Executive branch of the government and the regulatory agencies and communications of government. All such departments, agencies, establishments, regulatory agencies and commissions shall furnish the Director General with available material which NABRO determines to be necessary in the performance of its duties and functions (other than material disclosure of which would be a violation of this Act.) The Director General is hereby authorised, upon agreement with the head of any such department, agency, establishment, regulatory agency or commission to utilize its services, facilities and personnel with or without reimbursement; and head of each such department, agency or commission is authorised to provide the office such services, facilities and personnel.</p> <p>(c) steering and overseeing the</p> |  |
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|  | <p>(c) controlling and disbursing amounts from funds established in accordance with this Bill; and</p> <p>(d) performance of such other duties as may be specified, directed and determined by the Governing Board.</p> <p>(7) The Director-General may be removed from office upon a resolution of the appropriate committees in both Senate and House of Representatives on consideration of a recommendation of the Governing Board for the Director-General's inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.</p> <p>(8) The Director-General may resign from office upon giving 3</p> | <p>provision of analysis of the annual budget estimates of the Federal Government and the implementation of the requests or directives of Legislative Committees;</p> <p>(d) general management and administration of NABRO;</p> <p>(e) controlling and disbursing amounts from funds established in accordance with this Bill; and</p> <p>(f) The Director General shall establish a transparent system and process for the National Assembly Budget</p> <p>(7) The Director General may be removed from office by the Board.</p> <p>(8) The Director-General may resign from office upon giving 3 months</p> | <p>provision of analysis of the annual budget estimates of the Federal Government and the implementation of the requests of Legislative Committees;</p> <p>(d) general management and administration of NABRO;</p> <p>(e) controlling and disbursing amounts from funds established in accordance with this Bill; and</p> <p>(f) The Director-General shall establish a transparent system and process for the National Assembly Budget</p> <p>(7) The Director-General may be removed from office upon a resolution of the appropriate committees in both Senate and House of Representatives on consideration of a recommendation of the Governing Board for the Director-General's inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.</p> <p>(8) The Director-General may resign from office upon giving 3 months</p> |  |
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| <b>12.<br/>Appointment,<br/>duties, tenure<br/>and removal of<br/>Directors</b> | <p>(1) The Directors for the Departments shall be appointed by the Governing Board in a transparent manner and the appointments shall be based solely on professional competence and qualification.</p> <p>(2) The Directors shall be professionals in the relevant fields and shall be persons of proven integrity with at least a Master's degree and a minimum of 15 years post qualification and relevant experience.</p> <p>(3) The Directors shall not be members of a political party.</p> <p>(4) The Directors may be removed from office by the Governing Board upon recommendation of the Director-General for inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.</p> <p>(5) A Director may resign his office upon giving 3 months written notice of resignation to the Governing Board or payment of 1</p> | <p>(1) The Directors for the Departments shall be appointed by the Governing Board in a transparent manner and the appointments shall be based solely on professional competence and qualification.</p> <p>(2) The Directors shall be professionals in the relevant fields and shall be persons of proven integrity with at least a Master's degree and a minimum of 15 years post qualification and relevant experience.</p> <p>(3) The Directors shall not be members of a political party.</p> <p>(4) The Directors may be removed from office by the Governing Board upon recommendation of the Director-General for inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.</p> <p>(5) A Director may resign his office upon giving 3 months written notice of resignation to the Governing Board or payment of 1</p> | <p>(1) The Directors for the Departments shall be appointed by the Governing Board in a transparent manner and the appointments shall be based solely on professional competence and qualification.</p> <p>(2) The Directors shall be professionals in the relevant fields and shall be persons of proven integrity with at least a Master's degree and a minimum of 15 years post qualification and relevant experience.</p> <p>(3) The Directors shall not be members of a political party.</p> <p>(4) The Directors may be removed from office by the Governing Board upon recommendation of the Director-General for inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.</p> <p>(5) A Director may resign his office upon giving 3 months written notice of resignation to the Governing Board or payment of 1</p> | <b>Senate Version<br/>Adopted</b> |

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| <b>13. Other Staff</b>                                                             | <p>(1) The Management Committee shall appoint such other staff as may be necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the Office; in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards and such appointments shall be made solely on the basis of qualification and competence.</p> <p>(2) In carrying out the duties and functions of the Office, the Management Committee may procure the services of experts or consultants by contract, subject to ratification by the Governing Board.</p> | <p>(1) The Management Committee shall appoint such other staff as may be necessary to carry out the duties and functions of NABRO in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards and such appointments shall be made solely on the basis of qualification and competence.</p> <p>(2) In carrying out the duties and functions of NABRO, the Management Committee may procure the services of experts or consultants by contract, subject to ratification by the Governing Board.</p> | <p>(1) The Management Committee shall appoint such other staff as may be necessary to carry out the duties and functions of NABRO in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards and such appointments shall be made solely on the basis of qualification and competence.</p> <p>(2) In carrying out the duties and functions of NABRO, the Management Committee may procure the services of experts or consultants by contract, subject to ratification by the Governing Board.</p> | Senate Version Adopted |
| <b>14. Remuneration of Directors, Professional Analysts and Professional Staff</b> | <p>(1) The Directors, Professional Analysts and Professional Staff of the Office shall receive such remuneration as shall be determined by the Governing Board.</p> <p>(2) Such remuneration shall be competitive.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>(1) The Directors, Professional Analysts and Professional Staff of NABRO shall receive such remuneration as shall be determined by the Governing Board.</p> <p>(2) Such remuneration shall be competitive.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>(1) The Directors, Professional Analysts and Professional Staff of NABRO shall receive such remuneration as shall be determined by the Governing Board.</p> <p>(2) Such remuneration shall be competitive.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Senate Version Adopted |
| <b>15. Remuneration of other Staff Pension. Cap. 4</b>                             | <p>(1) Service in the Office shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Act, and accordingly, officers and other persons</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>(1) Service in NABRO shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Act, and accordingly, officers and other persons</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>(1) Service in NABRO shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Act, and accordingly, officers and other persons</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Senate Version Adopted |

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| <p><b>LFN, 2004.</b></p> | <p>employed in the Office in respect of their service shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the public service of the Federation.</p> <p>(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall prevent the appointment of a person in the Office on terms, which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in the Office.</p> | <p>employed in NABRO in respect of their service shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the public service of the Federation.</p> <p>(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall prevent the appointment of a person in NABRO on terms, which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in NABRO.</p> | <p>employed in NABRO in respect of their service shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the public service of the Federation.</p> <p>(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall prevent the appointment of a person in NABRO on terms, which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in NABRO.</p> |  |
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| 16. Regulations                          | <p>The Governing Board may by regulations, first laid before the National Assembly, and published in the Gazette prescribe the —</p> <p>(a) duties and responsibilities of the Director-General, Directors, Professional Analysts, Professional Staff and other Staff of the Office;</p> <p>(b) disciplinary control of employees of the Office and mode of appeal by such employees against dismissals or other disciplinary measure;</p> <p>(c) administrative or organizational structure of the Office;</p> <p>(d) promotion and staff welfare;</p> <p>(e) and other guidelines.</p> | <p>The Governing Board may by regulations, first laid before the National Assembly, and published in the Gazette prescribe the -</p> <p>(a) duties and responsibilities of the Director-General, Directors, Professional Analysts, Professional Staff and other Staff of NABRO;</p> <p>(b) disciplinary control of employees of NABRO and mode of appeal by such employees against dismissals or other disciplinary measure;</p> <p>(c) administrative or organizational structure of NABRO;</p> <p>(d) promotion and staff welfare; and</p> <p>(e) other guidelines.</p> | <p>The Governing Board may by regulations, first laid before the National Assembly, and published in the Gazette prescribe the -</p> <p>(a) duties and responsibilities of the Director-General, Directors, Professional Analysts, Professional Staff and other Staff of NABRO;</p> <p>(b) disciplinary control of employees of NABRO and mode of appeal by such employees against dismissals or other disciplinary measure;</p> <p>(c) administrative or organizational structure of NABRO;</p> <p>(d) promotion and staff welfare; and</p> <p>(e) other guidelines.</p> | Senate Version Adopted |
| 17. Funds, estimates of expenditure, etc | <p>(1) The Office shall derive its Fund from —</p> <p>(a) such monies as may in each year be approved by the National Assembly under the Appropriation Act for the purposes of carrying out the duties and functions of the Office;</p> <p>(b) such monies as may from time to time, be granted or deposited</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>-(1) NABRO shall derive its Fund from-</p> <p>(a) such monies as may in each year be approved by the National Assembly under the Appropriation Act for the purposes of carrying out the duties and functions of NABRO;</p> <p>(b) such monies as may from time to time, be granted or deposited</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>-(1) NABRO shall derive its Fund from-</p> <p>(a) such monies as may in each year be approved by the National Assembly under the Appropriation Act for the purposes of carrying out the duties and functions of NABRO;</p> <p>(b) such monies as may from time to time, be granted or deposited</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Senate Version Adopted |

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| <p>with the Office by the National Assembly or anybody or institution within the country;</p> <p>(c) all monies raised for the purposes of the Office by way of gifts, loans, grants-in-aid, testamentary dispositions or otherwise;</p> <p>(d) proceeds from other assets that may from time to time accrue to the Office.</p> <p>(2) Such monies derived for the purpose of running the Office shall be declared to the National Assembly who shall then appropriate such funds before spending except for grants in aids attached to programme or projects.</p> <p>(3) The Office shall defray from the Fund all expenditures incurred by it and shall include —</p> <p>(a) the cost of administration;</p> <p>(b) the payment of salaries, fees or other remunerations or allowances and pensions and gratuities payable to members and employees of the Office; and</p> <p>(c) anything done in connection</p> | <p>with NABRO by the National Assembly or anybody or institution within the country;</p> <p>(c) all monies raised for the purposes of NABRO by way of gifts, loans, grants-in-aid, testamentary dispositions or otherwise;</p> <p>(d) proceeds from other assets that may from time to time accrue to NABRO.</p> <p>(2) Such monies derived for the purpose of running NABRO shall be declared to the National Assembly who shall then appropriate such funds before spending except for grants in aids attached to programme or projects.</p> <p>(3) NABRO shall defray from the Fund all expenditures incurred by it and shall include-</p> <p>(a) the cost of administration;</p> <p>(b) the payment of salaries, fees or other remunerations or allowances and pensions and gratuities payable to members and employees of NABRO; and</p> <p>(c) anything done in connection</p> | <p>with NABRO by the National Assembly or anybody or institution within the country;</p> <p>(c) all monies raised for the purposes of NABRO by way of gifts, loans, grants-in-aid, testamentary dispositions or otherwise;</p> <p>(d) proceeds from other assets that may from time to time accrue to NABRO.</p> <p>(2) Such monies derived for the purpose of running NABRO shall be declared to the National Assembly who shall then appropriate such funds before spending except for grants in aids attached to programme or projects.</p> <p>(3) NABRO shall defray from the Fund all expenditures incurred by it and shall include-</p> <p>(a) the cost of administration;</p> <p>(b) the payment of salaries, fees or other remunerations or allowances and pensions and gratuities payable to members and employees of NABRO; and</p> <p>(c) anything done in connection</p> |  |
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|                                                      | <p>with any of its functions under this Bill.</p> <p>(4) The Director-General shall prepare not later than 31st June of each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Office for the succeeding year which shall be submitted to Clerk to the National Assembly through the Governing Board for approval for appropriation.</p> <p>(5) The Director-General shall keep accounts and receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year prepare a statement of account in such form as the National Assembly may direct.</p> <p>(6) The Director-General shall within 3 months after the end of the financial year to which the account relates, cause the account to be audited by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.</p> | <p>with any of its functions under this Bill.</p> <p>(4) The Director General shall prepare not later than 30<sup>th</sup> June of each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the office for the succeeding year which shall be submitted to the governing Board for approval</p> <p>(5) The Director-General shall keep accounts and receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year prepare a statement of account in such form as the National Assembly may direct.</p> <p>(6) The Director-General shall within 3 months after the end of the financial year to which the account relates, cause the account to be audited by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.</p> | <p>with any of its functions under this Bill.</p> <p>(4) The Director-General shall prepare not later than 30<sup>th</sup> June of each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the office for the succeeding year which shall be submitted to the governing Board for approval</p> <p>(5) The Director-General shall keep accounts and receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year prepare a statement of account in such form as the National Assembly may direct.</p> <p>(6) The Director-General shall within 3 months after the end of the financial year to which the account relates, cause the account to be audited by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.</p> |                        |
| <b>18. Obtaining of data by the Director-General</b> | The Director-General may, for the purpose of coordinating the operations of the Office with those of the National Assembly Agencies,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | The Director-General may, for the purpose of coordinating the operations of NABRO with those of the National Assembly Agencies,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The Director-General may, for the purpose of coordinating the operations of NABRO with those of the National Assembly Agencies,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Senate Version Adopted |

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| <b>19. Obtaining of data from public bodies</b> | (1) The Director-General shall through <b>collaboration</b> obtain information, data, estimates and statistics from ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments; and all such ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments shall furnish the Director-General with all materials that are necessary in the performance of his duties. | (1) The Director-General shall obtain information, data, estimates and statistics directly from ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments; and all such ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments shall furnish the Director-General with all materials that are necessary in the performance of his duties. | (1) The Director-General shall through <b>collaboration</b> obtain information, data, estimates and statistics from ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments; and all such ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments shall furnish the Director-General with all materials that are necessary in the performance of NABRO's duties. | House Version Adopted  |
|                                                 | (2) The Director-General may, upon agreement with the head of any Ministry, Extra-Ministerial departments, parastatals, agency, commission or establishment, utilize its services, facilities and personnel as needed by the Office.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | (2) The Director-General may, upon agreement with the head of any Ministry, Extra-Ministerial departments, parastatals, agency, Commission or establishment, utilize its services, facilities and personnel as needed by NABRO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (2) The Director-General may, upon agreement with the head of any Ministry, Extra-Ministerial departments, parastatals, agency, Commission or establishment, utilise its services, facilities and personnel as needed by NABRO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Senate Version Adopted |
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| <p><b>20.</b></p> <p><b>Interpretation</b></p> | <p>In this Bill—</p> <p>"committees" means committees established under the rules of both Chambers;</p> <p>"core revenue" means accruable revenue;</p>                                                                                  | <p>In this Bill-</p> <p>"committees" means committees established under the rules of both the Senate and the House of Representatives;</p> <p>"core revenue" means accruable revenue;</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>In this Bill-</p> <p>"committees" means committees established under the rules of both the Senate and the House of Representatives;</p> <p>Redundant</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Senate Version Adopted</p> |

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| <p>"economic related committees" mean committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management; Appropriation; Banking and Currency; Capital Market; Finance; Legislative Budget and Research; National Planning and Population; Public Accounts; and any other committee(s) that may be established according to the Standing Orders of either House of National Assembly;</p> <p>"misconduct" as provided in the Code of Conduct for Public Officers;</p> <p>"permissible aggregate government expenditure" means the total spending ceilings or limits;</p> <p>"property" means land or building and includes intellectual property;</p> <p>"Public Bodies" means any corporation, board, company or parastatals established by, or under enactment in which the Government of the Federation, a Ministry, or Extra-Ministerial Department, agency, or equity interest and include a partnership, joint venture, or any form of business arrangement or organization;</p> | <p>"economic related committees" mean committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management; Appropriation; Banking and Currency; Capital Market; Finance; Legislative Budget and Research; National Planning and Population; Public Accounts; and any other committee(s) that may be established according to the Standing Orders of either House of National Assembly;</p> <p>"misconduct" as provided in the Code of Conduct for Public Officers;</p> <p>"permissible aggregate government expenditure" means the total spending ceilings or limits;</p> <p>"property" means land or building and includes intellectual property;</p> <p>"Public Bodies" means any corporation, board, company or parastatals established by, or under enactment in which the Government of the Federation, a Ministry, or Extra-Ministerial Department, agency, or equity interest and include a partnership, joint venture, or any form of business arrangement or organization;</p> | <p>Redundant</p> <p>"misconduct" as provided in the Code of Conduct for Public Officers;</p> <p>Redundant</p> <p>"property" means land or building and includes intellectual property;</p> <p>"Public Bodies" means any corporation, board, company or parastatals established by, or under enactment in which the Government of the Federation, a Ministry, or Extra-Ministerial Department, agency, or equity interest and include a partnership, joint venture, or any form of business arrangement or organization;</p> |  |
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|                     | "the Office" means National Assembly Budget and Research Office.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | "NABRO" means National Assembly Budget and Research Office.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | "NABRO" means National Assembly Budget and Research Office.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |
| <b>21. Citation</b> | This Bill may be cited as the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment) Bill, 2016                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | This Bill may be cited as the National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill, 2016.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | This Bill may be cited as the National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill, 2016.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Senate Version Adopted |
| <b>22. SCHEDULE</b> | <p>SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.</p> <p>1. (1) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside and in his/her absence, such member of the Board as the other members may elect from among themselves for that purpose.</p> <p>(2) The Director-General shall be the Secretary; and shall provide secretariat services for all meetings of the Governing Board.</p> <p>(3) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceeding or those of any of its Committees.</p> <p>2. The Quorum of the Board shall be the Chairman and 3 other</p> | <p>SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.</p> <p>1. (1) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside and in his/her absence, the Vice Chairman or such member of the Board as the other members may elect among themselves for that purpose.</p> <p>(2) The Director-General shall be the Secretary; and shall provide secretariat services for all meetings of the Governing Board.</p> <p>(3) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceeding or those of any of its Committees.</p> <p>2. The Quorum of the Board shall be the four (4) members of the</p> | <p>SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.</p> <p>1. (1) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside and in his/her absence, the Vice Chairman or such member of the Board as the other members may elect among themselves for that purpose.</p> <p>(2) The Director-General shall be the Secretary; and shall provide secretariat services for all meetings of the Governing Board.</p> <p>(3) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceeding or those of any of its Committees.</p> | Senate Version Adopted |

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|  | <p>members of the Board.</p> <p>3. The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions as the Board may determine, but no decision of any such Committee shall have effect unless ratified by the Board.</p> <p>4. The Board may co-opt persons who are not members of the Board to any meeting of the Board or any Committee and such persons may take part in the deliberations of the Board or any Committee but shall not be entitled to vote.</p> <p>5. The fixing of the seal of office shall be authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman or any other member of the Board generally or, specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose and the Director-General —</p> <p>(a) a document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Office shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed so executed.</p> | <p>Board.</p> <p>3. The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions as the Board may determine, but no decision of any such Committee shall have effect unless ratified by the Board.</p> <p>4. The Board may co-opt persons who are not members of the Board to any meeting of the Board or any Committee and such persons may take part in the deliberations of the Board or any Committee but shall not be entitled to vote.</p> <p>5. The fixing of the seal of office shall be authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman or any other member of the Board generally or, specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose and the Director-General.</p> <p>(a) a document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of NABRO shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed so executed.</p> | <p>2. The Quorum of the Board shall be four (4) members of the Board.</p> <p>3. The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions as the Board may determine, but no decision of any such Committee shall have effect unless ratified by the Board.</p> <p>4. The Board may co-opt persons who are not members of the Board to any meeting of the Board or any Committee and such persons may take part in the deliberations of the Board or any Committee but shall not be entitled to vote.</p> <p>5. The fixing of the seal of office shall be authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman or any other member of the Board generally or, specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose and the Director-General.</p> <p>(a) a document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of NABRO shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be</p> |  |
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| <p><b>23.</b><br/><b>Explanatory</b><br/><b>Memorandum</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>This Bill seeks to establish <del>an</del> <b>Independent</b> the National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with objective, timely and non-partisan analysis needed for economic and budget decisions.</p>                                                                                                                   | <p>This Bill seeks to establish the National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with objective, timely and non-partisan analysis needed for economic and budget decisions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Senate Version<br/>Adopted</p> |