

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
(AMENDMENT NO. 2)
LAW, 2020**

GOVERNMENT OF BAYELSA STATE OF NIGERIA

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTIONS

1. Amendment of the Bayelsa State Fiscal Responsibility Law, 2009.
2. Amendment of Section 22.
3. Amendment of Section 51.
4. Short Title and Citation.

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A Law to amend the Bayelsa State Fiscal Responsibility Law, 2009, and other matters connected thereto.

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Commencement

ENACTED by the Bayelsa State House of Assembly and by the Authority of same as follows:

Enactment

1. The Bayelsa State Fiscal Responsibility Law, 2009 (hereafter called the "**The Principal Law**") is hereby amended as set out in this Law. Amendment of the State Fiscal Responsibility Law, 2009.
2. Section 22 of the Principal Law is hereby deleted and replaced with a new Section 22 as follows: Amendment of:

"PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET

22. (1) *The preparation of the Annual Budget shall commence not later than to the 30th of June in each financial year by a publication in the State Website calling on citizens to make proposals for public expenditure through platforms to be provided in the Website.*
- (2) *The Governor shall direct a Citizen Budget Participation Conference to be convened and cause the outcome of the said Conference (together with views expressed on the Website) to be published on the State Website..*
- (3) *At the commencement of the preparation of the Annual Budget, the Commissioner shall issue a Budget Call Circular in such form as the Commissioner may from time to time prescribe to all Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the State Government whose proposals for public expenditure shall be published on the State Website at the time of the call for Citizen Participation as provided in Subsection 1 of this Section.*

(4) *The provisions for Citizen Participation in the Budget shall (in addition to the right to make proposals) include comments and views on the proposals submitted by the Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the State Government on the platforms contained in the State Website and/or at the Citizen Budget Participation Conference.*

(5) *Upon approval and assent of the State Budget, a Citizens' Budget shall be published in a summarized but comprehensible form in the State Website not later than four (4) months after the commencement of the fiscal year."*

3. Section 51 of the Principal Law is hereby deleted and replaced with a new Section 51 as follows: Amendi

"(1) The State Government, through the Ministry of Budget, shall present a Quarterly Report of the performance of the Budget during each fiscal year and shall also present an Annual Report of the performance of the Budget at the end of each fiscal year and cause each of the said reports to be published on the State Website at the time of presentation.

(2) The State Website shall make provision for citizen comments and feedback on the Budget performance reports and the said reports shall at the time of publication on the Website, be presented to the State House of Assembly.

4. This Law may be cited as the **Fiscal Responsibility (Amendment No. 2) Law, 2020** and shall come into force on the day of, 2020. Short T.
Citation

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the Bayelsa State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.



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MR. OWUDOGU KOZIGENA EDWARD

Clerk of the House

Assented the 2nd day of MAY, 2020.



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SENATOR DOUYE DIRI

Governor of Bayelsa State