

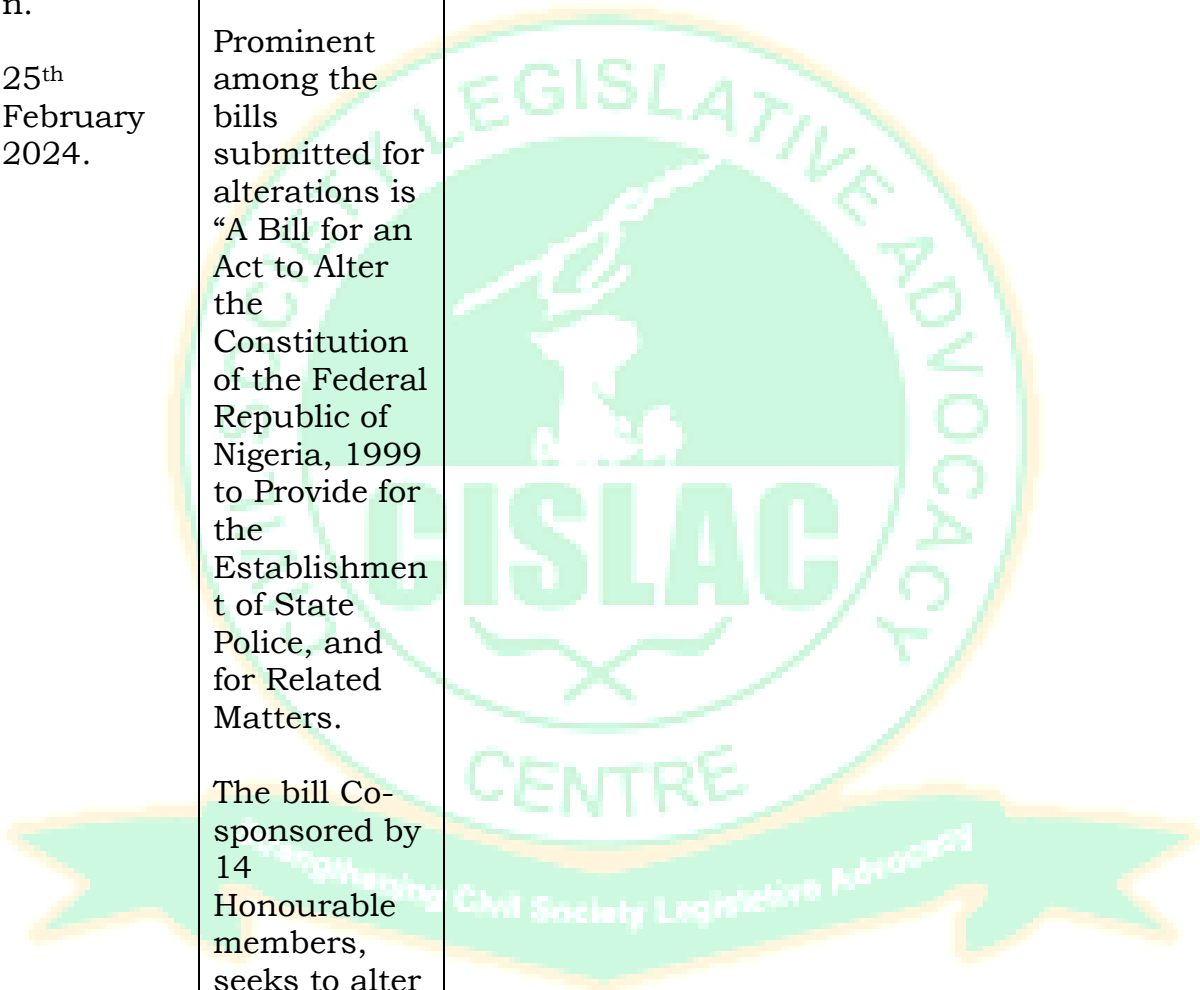


STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY NEWS UPDATES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024

Location, Headline and Date	Synopsis	Media and Story Links
<p>Nigerian lawmakers reject bill requiring president to secure over 50% votes in presidential election.</p> <p>28th February 2024.</p>	<p>The House of Representatives, on Wednesday, rejected a bill that sought to make it mandatory for presidential and governorship candidates to secure more than 50 per cent of the total votes cast, to be declared winners.</p> <p>The bill, sponsored by Awajinombek Abiante (PDP, Rivers), aimed to amend the 1999 constitution by removing the simple majority rule for presidential and governorship candidates.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Premium Times https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/672697-nigerian-lawmakers-reject-bill-requiring-president-to-secure-over-50-votes-in-presidential-election.html</p>

	<p>Mr Abiante's proposal sought to amend sections 134 and 179 of the constitution, which provide the conditions to be elected president and governors, respectively.</p>	
<p>Nigeria Begins Sixth Constitutional Alteration.</p> <p>26th February 2024.</p>	<p>The House of Representatives has inaugurated its constitutional review committee for the alteration of the 1999 Nigerian constitution as amended.</p> <p>The composition of the committee is representative, comprising one member from each of the 36 states of the Federation and the FCT...</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Voice of Nigeria</p> <p>https://von.gov.ng/nigeria-begins-sixth-constitutional-alteration/</p>
<p>Bills To Grant Independence</p>	<p>Also received is a bill for the creation</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p>

<p>nce To Section Of Nigeria, State Police Among 40 Others Submitted For Alterations Of 1999 Constitutio n.</p> <p>25th February 2024.</p>	<p>of state police, bringing to 40 bills before the House to undertake 6th amendment of the Constitution.</p> <p>Prominent among the bills submitted for alterations is “A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Establishmen t of State Police, and for Related Matters.</p> <p>The bill Co- sponsored by 14 Honourable members, seeks to alter Sections 34, 35, 39, 42, 84, 89, 129, 153, 197, Chapter VI, Part III, 214, 215, 216, Second Schedule, Part I of the Third</p>	<p>The Whistler https://thewhistler.ng/bills-to-grant-independence-to-section-of-nigeria-state-police-among-40-others-submitted-for-alterations-of-1999-constitution/</p>
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	Schedule, and Part II of the Third Schedule.	
<p>Taraba Assembly passes bill to end 28 years chieftaincy tussle.</p> <p>24th February 2024.</p>	<p>The Taraba State House of Assembly on Thursday 22nd February 2024 passed a bill aimed at ending a 28-year tussle over a traditional stool in Takum Local Government Area of the state. The new law provides for the establishment of "One Rotational First-Class Chief and Three (3) 3rd Class Chiefs in Takum among the Kuteb, Chamba and Jukun Takum ethnic groups respectively.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Premium Times https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/671254-taraba-assembly-passes-bill-to-end-28-years-chieftaincy-tussle.html</p>
<p>Senate Committee on Constitution Review sets 24</p>	<p>The Senate's Ad – hoc committee on Constitution Review has set 24</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>BluePrint https://blueprint.ng/senate-committee-on-constitution-review-sets-24-months-for-</p>

<p>months for exercise.</p> <p>23rd February 2024</p>	<p>months (two years) for completion of its exercise, just as it declared that the committee , was not out to re – write the 1999 Constitution (as amended) .</p> <p>Making the declaration on Wednesday during inaugural meeting of the 47 – member committee, the Chairman who doubles as Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Jibrin Barau said the committee will work in synergy with that of the House of Representatives for constitution alteration .</p>	<p>exercise/</p>
<p>Taraba Assembly passes Takum</p>	<p>Taraba state House of Assembly, on Thursday,</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Tribune</p>

<p>chieftaincy rotation bill.</p> <p>23rd February 2024</p>	<p>passed the Establishment of One Rotational 1st Class Chief and Three (3) 3rd Class Chiefs Bill, 2024. Nigerian Tribune reports that the executive bill which passed through third reading yesterday after a public hearing on Wednesday 21, February 2024, was said to establish permanent peace over chieftaincy stool in the local government.</p>	<p>https://tribuneonline.com/taraba-assembly-passes-takum-chieftaincy-rotation-bill/</p>
<p>Senate Says It's Ready To Amend Nigerian Constitution To Okay State Police.</p> <p>17th February 2024</p>	<p>President Bola Tinubu, at a meeting with state governors on Thursday, had approved the constitution of a committee to explore the modalities for the establishment of state</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Sahara Reporters https://saharareporters.com/2024/02/17/senate-says-its-ready-amend-nigerian-constitution-okay-state-police</p>

	police.	
<p>Rivers State lawmakers repeal assembly commission law.</p> <p>16th February 2024</p>	<p>The Rivers State House of Assembly has passed a bill for a law to repeal the Rivers State House of Assembly Service Commission Amendment Law No. 3 of 2006.</p> <p>The bill, it said, is to further amend the Principal Law of 1999 and other matters connected thereto.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>PUNCH https://punchng.com/rivers-lawmakers-repeal-assembly-commission-law/</p>
<p>Imo Assembly demands urgent intervention in Ideato South erosion.</p> <p>15th February 2024</p>	<p>The Imo State House of Assembly has urged the state governor, Senator Hope Uzodimma, to consider the imminence of the 2024 rains and the possibility of the entire Umuchima community in Ideato South Local Government Area of the</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>PUNCH https://punchng.com/imo-assembly-demands-urgent-intervention-in-ideato-south-erosion/</p>

	<p>state going into extinction, if immediate, urgent, and proper actions are not taken.</p>	
<p>Nasarawa Speaker Inaugurates State Children's Parliament.</p> <p>14th February 2024</p>	<p>Speaker, Nasarawa State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Danladi Jatau, has lauded the resuscitation of the State Children's Parliament in the state.</p> <p>The Speaker stated this while inaugurating the fifth Children's Parliament in Nasarawa State at an event held at the State Ministry For Local Government in Lafia, the state capital.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Voice of Nigeria https://von.gov.ng/nasarawa-speaker-inaugurates-state-childrens-parliament/</p>
<p>Adamawa moves to domesticate climate change policy.</p>	<p>Adamawa State House of Assembly and a non-governmental organisation,</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>PUNCH https://punchng.com/adamawa-moves-to-domesticate-climate-change-policy/</p>

<p>13th February 2024</p>	<p>Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation, have expressed readiness for the domestication of climate change policy in the state.</p>	
<p>Reps receive bill seeking creation of three more states in South-West.</p> <p>13th February 2024</p>	<p>A bill seeking the creation of additional three states in the South-West has been listed for presentation in the House of Representatives.</p> <p>The bill, being sponsored by Hon Busayo Oluwole Oke, representing Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency, Osun State, (Osun-PDP) is seeking the creation of Oke-Ogun, Ijebu and Ife-Ijesa States respectively.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The Tribune https://tribuneonlineng.com/ reps-receive-bill-seeking-creation-of-three-more-states-in-south-west/</p>

	<p>The Bill is seeking for an amendment to the First Schedule, Part I of the Constitution to read, “The First Schedule, Part I of the Constitution is amended by introducing new states and reducing the number of local government areas.”</p>	
<p>Lagos Assembly pushes for state police.</p> <p>13th February 2024</p>	<p>In response to the growing threats of kidnapping and other forms of insecurity in the country, the Lagos State House of Assembly has called on the National Assembly to commence urgent constitutional amendment to allow for the creation of state police.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: PUNCH https://punchng.com/lagos-assembly-pushes-for-state-police/</p>

<p>Oyo electricity regulatory commission bill is signed into law.</p> <p>10th February 2024</p>	<p>On 9th February 2024, the Oyo State governor, 'Seyi Makinde', signed into law the Oyo State Electricity Regulation. The governor said the signing was to give the state the opportunity to develop its own roadmap to sustainable electricity.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The Guardian https://guardian.ng/news/makinde-signs-oyo-electricity-regulatory-commission-bill-into-law/</p>
<p>Price control bill scales first reading in Niger Assembly.</p> <p>8th February 2024</p>	<p>A bill for a price control board, to regulate the price of essential commodities, has scaled first reading at the Niger House of Assembly.</p> <p>This followed the presentation of the general principles of the bill, by the sponsor, Isa Etsugaie (APC-Agaie) at plenary on Thursday, 8th</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Business Day https://businessday.ng/news/article/price-control-bill-scales-first-reading-in-niger-assembly/</p>

	February 2024.	
<p>Cross River Assembly amends bill to address discrepancies in Assembly Service Commission.</p> <p>8th February 2024</p>	<p>Cross River House of Assembly on 8th February 2024, passed the State Assembly Service Commission Amendment Bill 2024.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Pulse Nigeria https://www.pulse.ng/news/local/cross-river-assembly-amends-bill-to-equalize-clerk-deputy-roles/h42rx3j</p>
<p>Delta Assembly calls for memorandum on proposed disability bill.</p> <p>6th February 2024</p>	<p>The Delta State House of Assembly joint committee on housing, women affairs, girl-child entrepreneurship, and humanitarian support services, has called for memoranda on the Protection of Persons with Disability.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The Cable https://www.thecable.ng/delta-assembly-calls-for-memoranda-on-proposed-disability-bill</p>
<p>Oyo State Assembly</p>	<p>The Oyo State House</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p>

<p>Calls for Reconstruction of PHCs.</p> <p>3rd February 2024</p>	<p>of Assembly has called for urgent construction of Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs), in some local government areas that are yet to benefit from the one primary healthcare center per ward policy adopted by the state government.</p>	<p>Voice of Nigeria https://von.gov.ng/oyo-state-assembly-calls-for-reconstruction-of-phcs/</p>
<p>Food Security: National Assembly Pledges Speedy Passage Of Agricultural Extension Service Delivery Revitalisation Bill.</p> <p>2nd February 2024</p>	<p>The Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Production Services and Rural Development, Senator Saliu Mustapha has pledged that the National Assembly will ensure speedy passage of the agricultural extension service delivery revitalisation bill to</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below: Solace Base https://solacebase.com/national-assembly-pledges-speedy-passage-of-agric/</p>

	accelerate food security.	
<p>Ogun Assembly assures improved legislative oversight.</p> <p>1st February 2024</p>	<p>The Speaker of the Ogun State House of Assembly, Olakunle Oluomo has assured that the State legislature would redouble its efforts towards conducting effective legislative oversight on all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies of Government to improve transparency and accountability in the implementation of the Year 2024 Appropriation Law.</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>The Street Journal https://thestreetjournal.org/represents-december-2025-to-deliver-new-constitution/</p>
<p>Anambra Assembly Passes Trafficking In Persons Enforcement Administration Bill Into Law</p>	<p>Anambra State House of Assembly has passed the “Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administratio</p>	<p>For more information on the news, read below:</p> <p>Voice of Nigeria https://von.gov.ng/anambra-assembly-passes-trafficking-in-persons-enforcement-administration-bill-into-law/</p>

<p>1st February 2024</p>	<p>n' bill into law after reading it for the third time on the floor of the state House of Assembly.</p>	
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