

A Bill

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC ORDER ACT 1979 AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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Commence-
ment.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal
2 Republic of Nigeria as follows :-

3 1. Section 12 of the Public Order Act 1979 is hereby amended
4 in subsection (1) thereof—

Amendment
of section 12
of Public
Order Act
1979.

5 (a) by *deleting* in the definition of "association" the words "section 76
6 of the Electoral Decree 1977" and *substituting* therefore the words
7 "section 209 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
8 1979" ; and

1 (b) by inserting in the definition of "place of public resort" immedi-
2 ately after the word "includes" the following words—

3 "the premises of any institution of learning State House,
4 Legislative House, Government Office, Local Government Council,
5 broadcasting station, airport, seaport and of any hospital, the
6 official residence of the President of the Federal Republic of
7 Nigeria, the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
8 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, a member of the National Assembly, the Governor
10 of a State, Deputy Governor of a State, the Speaker of a State
11 House of Assembly, and of a member of a State House of
12 Assembly".

Short title.

13 2. This Act may be cited as the Public Order (Amendment)
14 Act 1982.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to redefine "political party" in the light of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979 and to enlarge the meaning of "place of public resort" to include the State Houses, buildings and grounds of the National Assembly and other legislatures, the residences of Mr President and the Vice-President, the President of the Senate and his Deputy, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and his Deputy and the members of the National Assembly, the residences of the Governors of States and their Deputies and the Speaker and members of every State House of Assembly.