

The following Bill, which will in due course be presented to Parliament for enactment, is published for general information.

THE MID-WESTERN REGION BILL

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to establish a Mid-Western Region consisting of the area mentioned in the Schedule to the Bill.

ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA,
Prime Minister

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FOURTH REGION OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA;
AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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WHEREAS a proposal to establish a further Region of the Federation of Nigeria consisting of the area in Western Nigeria specified in the Schedule to this Act has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament supported by the votes of at least two-thirds of all the members of that House and by a resolution of each legislative house of Northern Nigeria and Eastern Nigeria :

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

1. (1) There shall be a new Region of the Federation which shall be known as Mid-Western Nigeria and shall consist of the area specified in the Schedule to this Act.

Establish-
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Region.

(2) Accordingly, section three of the Constitution of the Federation shall have effect subject to the following amendments, that is to say—

(a) for subsection (1) there shall be substituted the following subsection—

“(1) There shall be four Regions, that is to say, Northern Nigeria, Western Nigeria, Eastern Nigeria and Mid-Western Nigeria.”;

(b) at the end of subsection (3) (which specifies the area comprised in Western Nigeria) there shall be added the words “, other than the area comprised in Mid-Western Nigeria.”; and

(c) after subsection (4) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(4A) Mid-Western Nigeria shall comprise the parts of Nigeria specified in the Schedule to the Mid-Western Region Act, 1962.”.

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2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Mid-Western Region Act, 1962, and shall apply throughout the Federation.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Governor-General may by order appoint.

SCHEDULE

Benin Province, including Akoko Edo District in Afenmai Division, and Delta Province, including Warri Division and Warri Urban Township area.

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