

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL CHARACTER COMMISSION (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC) ACT, 2010 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA CAP F7. TO GIVE MARRIED WOMEN OPTION OF INDIGENESHIP AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon Edward Gyang Pwajok

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 1. The Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc) Act, Amendment of
- 2 2010 CAP F7 Vol 6 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended the Principal Act
- 3 as set out in this Bill.
- 4 2. The Principal Act is hereby amended in Section 2 of Part II by Amendment of
- 5 substituting it and replacing it with a new Section 2 as follows: Section 2
- 6 "A married woman shall have the option to lay claim to her State or Local
- 7 Government of origin for the purpose of implementation of the Federal
- 8 Character formulae at the National level or State level as the case may be".
- 9 3. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Character Commission Citation
- 10 (Establishment, etc.) Act, (Amendment Bill), 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Character Commission Act, 2004, to give married women the option of choosing the indigeneship of their fathers or husbands.