

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO PROVIDE A NIGERIAN WOMAN MARRIED TO A NIGERIAN MAN WHO IS NOT OF THE SAME STATE OF ORIGIN AS THE MAN THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE STATE

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[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. Amendment of Section 8 of Part 1 of the third Schedule of the     Amendment of  
2     Constitution.   Section 8

3     Section 8 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999  
4     (hereinafter referred as "the Constitution" is amended by adding a proviso  
5     immediately after subsection 1(a) to read as follows:

6     Provided that "A Nigerian woman married to a Nigerian who is not of the  
7     same state of origin as the man shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges  
8     of the state in all cases of appointment, employment or election to any  
9     political and public office as if she were an indigene of the state."

10           2. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution Amendment (married     Citation  
11     women's right) Bill, 2015.

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution to provide for the rights and privileges of the state of a man married to a Nigerian woman who is not of the same state of origin as the man.