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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT 2010. TO ENSURE THAT ALL POLITICAL PARTIES ARE GENDER SENSITIVE AND TO ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION IN ALL POLITICAL PARTIES

Sponsored by Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria as follows: 1 1. The Electoral Act is hereby amended as set out hereunder. 2 2. The principal Act is hereby amended by adding a new Section Amendment of Section 85 3 85(1 &2) to read as follows: Sub Section (a) "It shall be mandatory for all Political Parties to ensure that 4 their women leaders are women or persons of the feminine gender". 5 Sub Section (b) "all youth leaders shall be persons between the ages of 6 Eighteen to Forty five at the date of election into such offices". 7 8 . 3. The principal Act is hereby amended by adding a new Section Amendment of 9 106 to read as follows: Section 106 "Qualification into any office whether by age, education etc. shall be 10 considered with reference to the date of the primaries of the Political Party 11 12 seeking to contest the election before the main election". 4. The principal Act is hereby amended in section 164 which shall 13 Amendment of be the new Section 166 by inserting the interpretation of "Candidate" as 14 Section 164 follows: 15 "Candidate" means a person who has secured the nomination of a Political 16 Party to contest the main election for an elective office". 17 18 5. This Bill may be cited as the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill,

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act 2010 to ensure that all Political Parties in the Country are gender sensitive and to also eliminate all sorts of discriminations in political parties.