

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ALLOW FOR MORE REPRESENTATION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

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[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999      Alteration of the
- 2 (herein after called "the Principal Act") is altered as set out hereunder.      1999 Constitution
- 3           2. Section 48 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting the words      Alteration of
- 4 "one from", and the new provision shall read; "the Senate consist of three      Section 48
- 5 Senators from each state and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja".
- 6           3. Section 49 of the Principal Act is altered by introducing a new      Alteration of
- 7 word" three" after the word" sixty" and the new provision shall read;      Section 49
- 8 "Subject to the Provisions of the Constitution, the House of Representatives
- 9 shall consist of three hundred and sixty three members representing
- 10 constituencies of nearly equal population as far as possible, provided that no
- 11 constituency shall fall within more than one State".
- 12           4. Section 71 of the Principal Act is altered as follows;      Alteration of
- 13           (i) introducing the words " and the Federal Capital Territory" in      Section 71
- 14 section 71 (a) and the new section shall read:
- 15           "(a) divide each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital
- 16 Territory into three Senatorial districts for purposes of election to the Senate;
- 17 and"
- 18           (ii) introducing the word "three" in section 71 (b) and the new

1 section shall read:

2 "(b) Subject to the Provisions of section 49 of this Constitution, divide  
3 the Federation into three hundred and sixty three Federal Constituencies for the  
4 purposes of elections to the House of Representatives."

Alteration of  
Section 147

5 5. Proviso to section 147 sub section 3 of the Principal Act is altered  
6 to read as follows:

7 " Provided that in giving effect to the provisions aforesaid the President shall  
8 appoint at least one Minister from each State and the Federal Capital Territory,  
9 who shall be an indigene of such State and the Federal Capital Territory  
10 respectively."

Alteration of  
Section 300

11 6. Section 300 of the Principal Act is altered by replacing the word  
12 "one" with the word "three" and the new section 300 shall read "300. For the  
13 purposes of chapter v of this Constitution, the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja  
14 shall constitute three Senatorial districts and as many Federal Constituencies as  
15 it is entitled to under the section 49 of this Constitution."

Short Title

16 7. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic  
17 of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria so as to have more representation for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.