

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT 2010 TO MAKE PROVISIONS TO COVER THE LACUNA IN THE EVENT OF DEATH OF A GOVERNORSHIP CANDIDATE ANYTIME BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF AN ELECTION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Femi Gbajabamila

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Electoral Act 2010 (herein referred to as “The Principal
2 Act”) is hereby amended as set out hereunder.

3 2. Section 33 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in line 3 by
4 inserting immediately after the word 'candidate' the phrase 'any time before
5 the conclusion of an election;

6 Provided that in the event of death of a governorship candidate any time
7 before the conclusion of an election, the party shall choose the person
8 running with him as a deputy governor, or any other candidate in the event
9 of the person running with him withdrawing to replace the deceased
10 governorship candidate.

11 3. Section 49 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting
12 the existing sub-section 2 and replacing same with new sub-sections 2 and 3
13 as follows:

14 Sub-section 2 - Accreditation shall be with the use of electronic card reader
15 and any person not electronically accredited by the electronic card reader
16 shall not be eligible to vote:

17 Provided that where the electronic card reader malfunctions, an incident
18 form shall be filled and such person shall be accredited manually and be
19 allowed to vote.

1 Sub-section 3 - Manual accreditation in 2 above shall be by a person presenting
2 himself to the presiding Officer whom, on being satisfied that the name of the
3 person is on the Register of Voters issue him a ballot paper and indicate on the
4 Register that the person has voted.

5 4. This Bill may be cited as the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill,
6 2016.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act 2010 to make provisions for the lacuna in the event of death of a governorship candidate anytime before the conclusion of an election.