

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR CANDIDATES RUINING ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL GUBERNATORIAL AND CHAIRMANSHIP OFFICES TO UNDERGO PRIMARY ELECTIONS WITH THEIR RUNNING MATES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar*

[ ] 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 (in this Act  
2 referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Act. Amendment of  
the Constitution

3           2. Section 142 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting Sub-  
4 Section (1) thereof and substituting same with a new sub-section (1) as  
5 follows: Alteration of  
Section 142

6           (1) In any election to which the foregoing provisions of this Part of  
7 this chapter relate, a candidate for an election to the office of the President  
8 shall not be deemed to be validly nominated unless he nominates another  
9 candidate from the same political party who has jointly contested the  
10 primary election of the party with him, as his associate for his running for  
11 the office of the President, who is to occupy the office of the Vice-President  
12 and that candidate shall be deemed to have been duly elected to the office of  
13 Vice-President if the candidate for an election to the office of President who  
14 has nominated him as such associate is duly elected as President in  
15 accordance with the provisions aforesaid.

16           3. Section 187 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting Sub-  
17 section (1) thereof and substituting same with a new sub-section (1) as  
18 follows: Alteration of  
Section 187

1            (1) In any election to which the foregoing provisions of this part of  
2 this Chapter relate, a candidate for the office of Governor of a State shall not be  
3 deemed to have been validly nominated for such office unless he nominates  
4 another candidate from the same political party who has jointly contested the  
5 primary election of the party with him, as his associate for his running for the  
6 office of Governor, who is to occupy the office of Deputy Governor if the  
7 candidate who nominated him is duly elected as Governor in accordance with  
8 the said provisions.

Citation

9            4. This Act may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic  
10 of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to make it mandatory for candidates running elections for Presidential, Gubernatorial and Chairmanship offices to undergo Primary elections with their running mates before they are presented to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) as party candidates.