

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO INTEGRATE NON-INDIGNES INTO STATES OTHER THAN THEIR STATES OF ORIGIN AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2016

Sponsored by Hon. Prestige Ossy

[] Commencement

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

1 **1. A person who-**

2 (a) resides in a State other than his State of origin continuously, that

3 is to say without a break, for a period of 10 or more years;

4 (b) contributes to the development of the States;

5 (c) lives in harmony with the people of the States;

6 (d) pays taxes to the State;

7 shall be entitled to the rights and benefits accruing to the indigenes or people

8 of that State in not-withstanding the fact that he is not an indigene or citizen

9 of that State.

Integration of Non-Indigenes

10 **2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:**

11 "Rights and benefits" includes rights and privileges and appointments

12 reserved only for indigenes and being entitles to scholarship from the State

13 and can occupy the highest position including but not limited to the

14 Governorship of the State.

Interpretation

15 **3. This Bill may be cited as Indigenes (Status Confirmation) Bill,**

2016.

Citation

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to integrate non-indigenes of a State into that State for having lived there continuously for 10 years.

This Bill further seeks to confer on them rights and benefits as if they are indigenes of such State.