

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999, TO PROVIDE FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon Edward Gyang Pwajok

[] 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 1999bis**
2 hereby altered as set out hereunder.

3 **2. The Principal Act is hereby altered in Section 221 by further** Amendment of
4 inserting a proviso as follows: Section 221
5 “Provided that individuals shall be free to contest for any elective office as
6 independent candidates without being sponsored by any political party”.

7 **3. The Principal Act is hereby altered in Section 225 by inserting a** Alteration of
8 new sub section 7 as follows: Section 225
9 “The above provision shall also apply to independent candidates on if they
10 are political parties”.

11 **4. The Principal Act is hereby altered in Section 65(b) by inserting** Alteration of
12 a proviso as follows: Section 65(b)
13 “Provided that individuals shall be free to contest for any elective office as
14 independent candidates without being sponsored by any political party”.

15 **5. The Principal Act is hereby altered in Section 106 by adding** Alteration of
16 immediately after “party” , “or he is an independent Candidate without Section 106 (b)
17 being sponsored by any political party”.

18 **6. The Principal Act is hereby altered in Section 132 by inserting a** Alteration of
19 proviso thus: Section 132
20 “Provided that individuals shall be free to contest for the office of the

	1	President as independent candidate without being sponsored by any political
	2	party”.
Alteration of Section 133	3	7. The Principal Act is hereby altered in Section 133 by inserting a
	4	proviso thus:
	5	“Provided that individuals shall be deemed nominated to contest for individual
	6	candidates without being nominated by any political Party”.
Citation	7	8. This Bill may be the Federal Republic of Nigeria Constitution 1999
	8	(Alteration) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to further alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, by providing for independent Candidate.