

# A BILL

## FOR

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

*Sponsored by Hon. Afe Olowookere*

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

1                   1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 Alteration of the  
 2                   Alteration of (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby altered 1999 Constitution  
 3                   the 1999 as set out hereunder

4                   2. The Principal Act is altered in section 162 by deleting Alteration Alteration of  
 5                   of subsection 6 and inserting a new subsection 6 as follows: section 162(6)

6                   (6) "Each Local Government Council shall maintain a Special  
 7                   Account to be called "Local Government Council Allocation Account" into  
 8                   which shall be paid directly such allocations to the Local Government  
 9                   Council from the Federation Account and from the Government of the State:

10                  Provided that there shall not be a disbursement of any fund of the  
 11                  Local Government Council except by a bye-law passed by the Local  
 12                  Government Council legislative council".

13                  3. This Bill shall be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation  
 14                  Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration Bill), 2016.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to abrogate the "State Joint Local Government Account" to empower each Local Government Council to maintain its own account into which shall be paid its allocation from the Federation Account and from the Government of the State. It also seeks to prescribe that disbursement from the account can only be upon a bye-law of the Local Government Council. This is aimed at granting financial autonomy to the Local Government Councils and strengthen separation of power at that level.