

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 2. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999
2 (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby altered as set out
3 hereunder. Alteration of the
Principal Act
- 4 2. The Principal Act is hereby altered:
- 5 (i) In Section 197 by deleting (b) "State Independent Electoral
6 Commission; Alteration of
sections 197, 201,
202 and Parts II
and I of the Third
Schedule
- 7 (ii) In Section 201 (2) by deleting the words "the State Independent
8 Electoral Commission" in line 2;
- 9 (iii) In Section 202 by deleting the words "the State Independent
10 Electoral Commission" in line 3;
- 11 (iv) In Part II of the Third Schedule by deleting heading "B": "State
12 Independent Electoral Commission", and also paragraphs (3) and (4).
- 13 3. A State Independent Electoral Commission shall comprise the
14 following members:
- 15 (a) a Chairman; and
- 16 (b) not less than five but not more than seven other persons.
- 17 4. The Commission shall have power:
- 18 (a) to organize, undertake and supervise all elections to Local
19 Government Councils within the State;
- 20 (b) to render such advice as it may consider necessary to the
21 Independent National Electoral Commission on the compilation of the

1 register of voters in so far as that register is applicable to Local Government
2 elections in the State;

3 (v) In Part I of the Third Schedule, item F: Independent National
4 Electoral Commission:

5 15. The Commission shall have power to:

6 (a) organize, undertake and supervise all elections to the Offices of
7 the President and Vice-President, the Governor and Deputy Governor of a
8 State, and to the membership of the Senate, the House of Representatives, the
9 House of Assembly of each State of the Federation, and Chairman, Vice-
10 Chairman and Councilors of Local Government Councils of the States.

Citation

11 5. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
12 of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to abrogate the States Independent Electoral Commissions in order that elections into the Offices of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Councilors of the Local Government Councils shall be conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission.