

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REDEFINE THE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR CONTESTING ELECTIONS INTO CERTAIN POLITICAL OFFICES IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2016

Sponsored by Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru

[] Commencement

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

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

Amendment of
the Constitution
of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria,
1999 (as amended)

4 2. Section 65 Sub-Section (2) of the Principal Act is hereby
5 amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting it with a new paragraph
6 (a) as follows:

Amendment of
Section 65 of the
Constitution

7 "(a) He has been educated up to at least the Advanced School
8 Certificate or its equivalent."

9 3. Section 106 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting
10 paragraph (c) of that Section and replacing it with a new paragraph (c) as
11 follows:

Amendment of
Section 106 of
the Constitution

12 "(c) He has been educated up to at least the Advanced School
13 Certificate or its equivalent."

14 4. Section 131 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting
15 paragraph (d) of that Section and replacing it with a new paragraph (d) as
16 follows:

Amendment of
Section 131 of
the Constitution

17 "(d) He has been educated up to at least the Advanced School
18 Certificate or its equivalent."

Amendment of
Section 177 of
the Constitution

1 5. This Section 177 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting
2 paragraph (c) of that Section and replacing it with a new paragraph (c) as
3 follows:

4 "(c) He has been educated up to at least the Advanced School
5 Certificate or its equivalent."

6 6. Section 318 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting paragraphs

7 (a) - (d) relating to the Interpretation and Meaning of the phrase
8 "School Certificate or its equivalent" contained in that Section and replacing it
9 with a new interpretation to the phrase "Advanced School Certificate or its
10 equivalent" as provided for in Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this Bill as set out:

11 "Advanced School Certificate or its equivalent".

12 Means:

13 (a) a Post-Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent, or National
14 Certificate of Education (NCE) and Ordinary National Diploma (OND);

15 (b) education up to Advanced School Certificate level; or

16 (c) any recognized Diploma Certificate, Advanced School Certificate
17 or Professional Certificate or its equivalent and:

18 (i) Post-secondary School Service in the Public or Private Sector in
19 the Federation in any capacity for a minimum of Twenty (20) Years acceptable
20 to the Independent National Electoral Commission;

21 (ii) Any other Advanced Level Qualification acceptable by the
22 Independent Electoral Commission.

23 7. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
24 of Nigeria 1999, (As Amended) (Alteration) Bill, 2016.

Short Title

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to raise the Educational Qualifications for Contesting Elections into Certain Political Offices in Nigeria to at least Advanced School Certificate Level and Provide for a Concise Interpretation and Meaning of the said Qualification.