

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT NO.6, 2010 AS AMENDED AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF CASH ON EVERY INDIVIDUAL ON AN ELECTION DAY WITHIN VOTING CENTRES AND TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL FORMS OF GIFTS TO PROSPECTIVE VOTERS OR THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY POLITICAL PARTIES OR THEIR CANDIDATES

*Sponsored by Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. The Electoral Act No.6, 2010 (in this Act referred to as “the  
2           Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Act.

3           2. Section 129(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting  
4           paragraphs I, m, n, o & p after Section 129(1)k as follows,

5           “129(1)l-

6           No political party, member of a political party, candidate, party agent or  
7           individual shall be allowed to carry monies in excess of N5,000.00 (Five  
8           Thousand Naira) or its equivalent in any currency accepted as legal tender  
9           anywhere in the world on an election day within voting centers or within a  
10          radius of 300 Meters from the voting centres.

11          129(1)m-

12          it shall be unlawful for any political party, member of a political party,  
13          candidate, party agent or individual to distribute gifts to prospective voters  
14          or members of the public in the form of cash or material items on an election  
15          day within voting centres or within a radius of 300 Meters from the voting  
16          centres.

17          129(1)n-

18          It shall be unlawful for any political party, member of a political party,

1 candidate, party agent or individual to induce or attempt to induce prospective  
2 voters with gifts in the form of cash or material items on an election day within  
3 voting centres or within a radius of 300 Meters from the voting centres.

4 129(1)o-

5 It shall be unlawful for any political party, member of a political party,  
6 candidate, party agent or individual to distribute or arrange for the distribution  
7 of food, drinks or other edible substances on an election day within voting  
8 centres or within a radius of 300 Meters from the voting centres.

9 129(1)p-

10 It shall be unlawful for any political party, member of a political party,  
11 candidate, party agent or individual to organize any form of carnival or activity  
12 involving a crowd on an election day within voting centres or within a radius of  
13 300 Meters from the voting centres.

14 3. Section 129(3) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting  
15 paragraph (a) and (b) after Section 129(3) as follows:

16 "129(3)a-

17 A person, political party, member of a political party, candidate or party agent  
18 that contravenes the provision of Section 129(1)l of this Act commits an  
19 offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N1,000,000.00 or imprisonment  
20 for a term of 6 months and shall forfeit the excess amount in his possession.

21 "129(3)b-

22 A person, political party, member of a political party, candidate or party agent  
23 that contravenes any of the provisions of paragraphs m, n, o & p of Section  
24 129(1) of this Act commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of  
25 N1,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 6 months.

26 4. This Bill may be cited as the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill,  
27 2016.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to limit the amount of money to be allowed on individuals on an election day and to prohibit the distribution of gifts, food or drinks within 300 metres of a polling unit/election centre on election days.

