

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER SECTION 221 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO MAKE THE VOTES SCORED BY A CANDIDATE SPONSORED BY A POLITICAL PARTY THE VOTES OF THE CANDIDATE AND MAKE LIMIT THE TRANSFER OF VOTES SCORED BY ONE CANDIDATE TO SOME OTHER PERSONS

*Sponsored by Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           1. Section 221 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of  
2           Nigeria 1999 as (amended) (hereinafter called "the Constitution") is  
3           amended by making/retaining the existing provision as subsection (1) and  
4           adding a new subsection (2) which shall read as follows:  
5           "221 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) above,  
6           the votes scored by a Candidate nominated and sponsored by a Political  
7           Party belongs to the Candidate Specifically Sponsored for the said Election  
8           and it is not transferable to another Candidate, except where the Sponsored  
9           Candidate is a Presidential or Gubernatorial Candidate who dies during an  
10          ongoing election and his Vice or Deputy as the case may be shall complete  
11          his poll."  
12          2. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution Alteration Bill, 2016.

Alteration of  
Section 221 of  
the Constitution

Citation

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to discourage political party tyranny, make the votes scored by a candidate in an inconclusive election the votes of the candidate and prohibit the party from transferring the said votes to another party in a Supplementary Election.