

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 7 AND 162 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND FINANCIAL AUTONOMY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Uche Ekwunife

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The provisions of the Constitution of the Federal
2 Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the
3 Constitution") are altered as set out in this Bill.

4 2. Section 7 of the Constitution is altered:

5 (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the word "finance"
6 immediately after the word "composition" in line 6; and

7 (b) By substituting for the existing subsection (6) a new
8 sub-Section (6):

9 "(6) subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the
10 National Assembly shall make provisions for statutory Allocation of
11 public revenue to Local Government Councils in the Federation".

12 3. Section 162 of the Constitution is altered by:

13 (a) Substituting for the existing subsection (5) a new

14 Subsection (5): "(5) The amount standing to the credit of:

15 (a) Local government councils in the Federation Account
16 shall be distributed among the local government councils on such
17 terms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the

18 National Assembly; and

1 (b) Each local government council shall be paid directly into an
2 account to be maintained by each of such local government council'

3 (c) Deleting subsections (6), (7) and (8) and numbering the existing
4 Subsections (9) and (10) as subsections (6) and (7) respectively.

5 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution (Alteration) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of section 7 and 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to provide for independence and financial autonomy of local government councils of Nigeria.