

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 3 AND 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED)

Sponsored by Senator Solomon Olamilekan

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as
2 Amended) is altered as set out in this bill

3 2. Section 3 of the Constitution is altered by:

4 (a) inserting immediately after the existing sub-section 6 a new
5 subsection 7 and 8.

6 "(7) There shall be 6 Geo-Political Zones in Nigeria, namely:
7 North-East, North-West North-Central, South-East, South- West and South-
8 South.

9 (8) Each Geo-Political Zone of Nigeria shall consist of the area
10 within the states or Federal Capital Territory Abuja named in the First
11 column to Part 1 of the First Schedule to this Constitution."

12 3.-(1) Sections 4(2), (3) and (7) of the Constitution is altered by
13 substituting "Exclusive Legislative List" with "Federal Legislative List" and
14 creation of "State Legislative List" as follows:

15 (2) The National Assembly shall have power to make laws for the
16 peace, order and good government of the Federation or any part thereof with
17 respect to any matter included in the "Federal Legislative List" set out in Part
18 I of the Second Schedule to this Constitution.

19 (3) The power of the National Assembly to make laws for the
20 peace, order and good government of the Federation with respect to any

1 matter included in the "Federal Legislative List" shall, save as otherwise
2 provided in this Constitution, be to the exclusion of the Houses of Assembly of
3 States.

4 (4) The House of Assembly of a State shall have power to make laws
5 for the peace, order and good government of the State or any part thereof with
6 respect to the following matters, that is to say:

7 (a) any matter not included in the Federal Legislative List set out in
8 Part I of the Second Schedule to this Constitution;

9 (b) any matter included in the Concurrent Legislative List and State
10 Legislative List set out in Parts II and III of the Second Schedule to this
11 Constitution;

12 (c) any other matter with respect to which it is empowered to make
13 laws in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution; and

14 (d) The power of the House of Assembly of States to make laws for the
15 peace, order and good government of the State with respect to any matter
16 included in the State Legislative List shall, save as otherwise provided in this
17 Constitution, be to the exclusion of the National Assembly.

18 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
19 of Nigeria, 1999 (Further Amendment) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic Of Nigeria 1999 (as Amended) to formally recognise the six geo-political zones and to further introduce a clear demarcation by creating the Federal and State Legislative lists as a substitute the existing executive lists.