

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER SECTION 285 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (SECOND ALTERATION) ACT, No.2. OF 2010 AND  
FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THERETO

*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 (Second  
2 Alteration) Act, No.2 of 2010 (herein referred to as the principal Act) is  
3 altered as set out below:

4           2. Section 285 sub-section 6 of the principal Act is altered by  
5 introducing a proviso thereto as follow:  
6 Provided that where an intervening event (natural or circumstantial) occurs  
7 within the jurisdiction of the tribunal that makes it impracticable for the  
8 tribunal to sit, the period of the event shall not be counted in the computation  
9 of the 180 days period prescribed in sub-section 6.

10           3. Section 285 sub-section 7 of the principal Act is altered by  
11 introducing a provision thereto as follow:  
12 Provided that where an intervening event (natural or circumstantial) occurs  
13 within the jurisdiction of the court that makes it impracticable for the court  
14 to sit, the period of the event shall not be counted in the computation of the  
15 60 days period prescribed in sub-section 7.

16           4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal      Citation  
17 Republic of Nigeria (Second Alteration) Act (Further Alteration) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to alter section 285 sub-section (6 and 7) of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria (Second Alteration) Act 2010 to address the issue of intervening event occurring within the stipulated period for hearing and determination of an election petition or appeal before a tribunal or court of appeal.