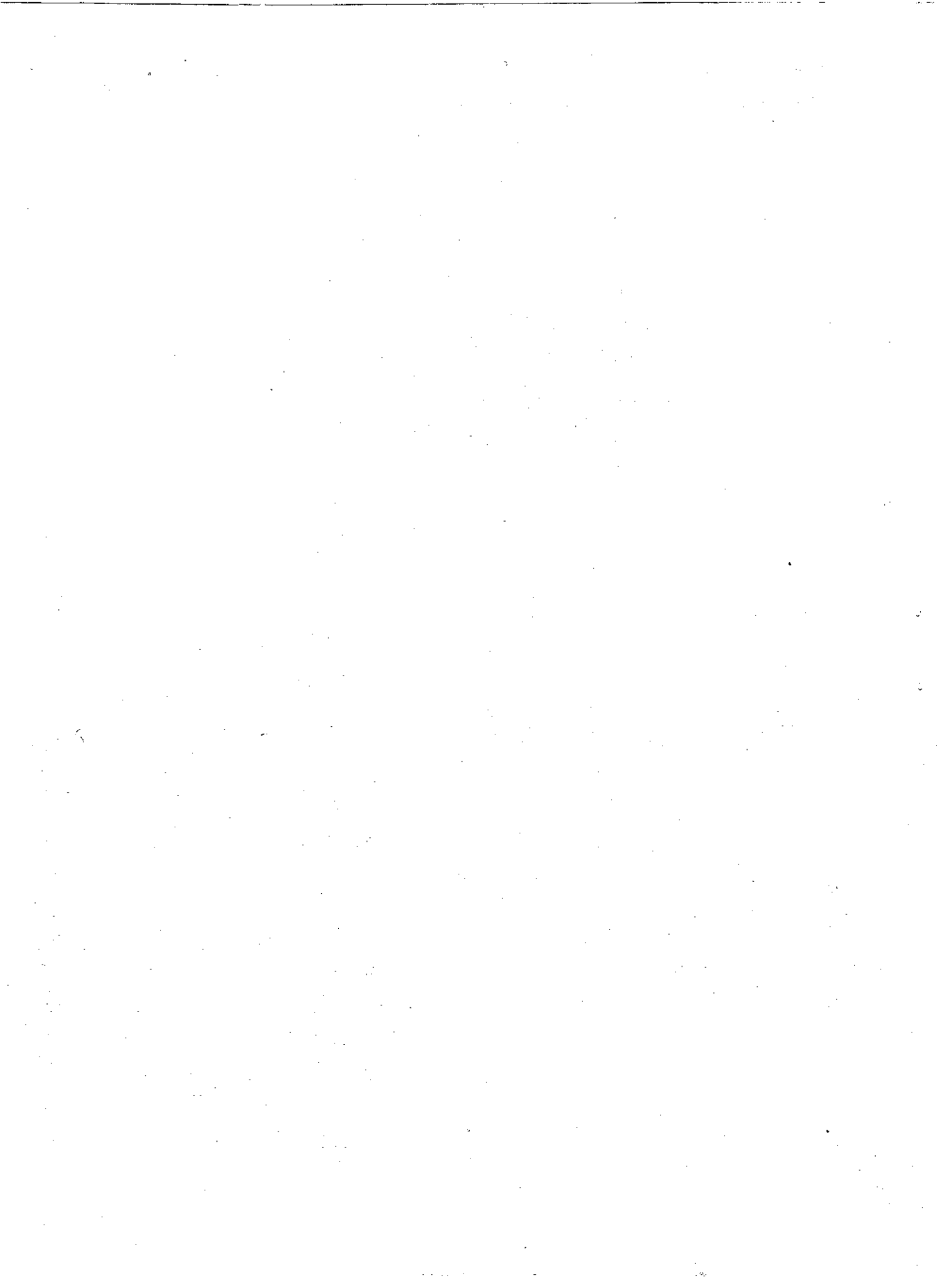


CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999
(FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Amendment of the Constitution of the federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as Amended)
2. Amendment of Section 29 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended)
3. Amendment of Section 45 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended)
4. Citation



A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 29 AND 45 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 29(4) of the Constitution is altered by:
4 (a) deleting section 29(4)b.
- 5 3. Sections 45(1) of the Constitution is altered by adding to the
6 section 42 on non discrimination to the list and Section 45(1)b is amended by
7 adding the word promoting and it will read as follows:
8 Nothing in Sections 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 of this Constitution shall
9 invalidate any law that is reasonably justifiable in a democratic society:
10 (a) in the interest of defence, public safety, public order, public
11 morality or public health;
12 (b) for the purpose of protecting and promoting the rights and
13 freedoms of other persons.
- 14 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal
15 Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Further Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to formally recognise that policies that address historical and geo-political disadvantages including those caused by physical and environmental conditions as well as social and cultural disadvantage are justifiable in a democratic society as envisaged by section 45 of the 1999 Constitution and that a wife, who is not of full age as envisaged by the provisions of section 29 of the Constitution, is open to exploitation by under the provision of Section 29(4)b.