

CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

(ALTERATION) BILL, 2016

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

* Commencement

* Enacting Formula

1. Alteration of Alteration of section 420 of the Principal Act
2. Alteration of Alteration of section 318 of the Principal Act
3. Short Title of the Bill

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAP. C 23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 BY PROVIDING FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION OF PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored Senator Rilwan Adesoji

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C 23 Alteration of
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Cap. C23, LFN
3 Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. 2004
- 4 2. Section 42 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting a new Alteration of
5 subsection (2A): Section 42
- 6 “(2A) No citizen of Nigeria shall be subjected to any form of
7 discrimination by reason of the fact that, that citizen that citizen of Nigeria is
8 a person living with disability”.
- 9 3. Section 318 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting before the Alteration of
10 Interpretation, population quota, the interpretation, “person living with Section 318
11 disability”:
- 12 “person living with disability” includes any who has a physical or
13 mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities,
14 has a medical record of such mental or physical impairment, is regarded as
15 having such mental or physical impairment”.
- 16 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Short Title
17 Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter sections 42 and 318 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to provide for non-discrimination against persons living with disabilities as well to provide a definition of the category of persons living with disabilities in accordance with Nigeria's international law and Treaty obligations.