

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha

[] Commencement

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) (in this Bill referred to as "The Constitution") is amended as set
3 out in this Bill. Amendment of
the Constitution
- 4 **2.** Section 65(2)a of the Constitution is hereby amended by Amendment of
Section 65(2)a
5 substituting the words "School Certificate" with "Higher National Diploma,
6 First Degree" immediately after the words "at least".
- 7 **3.** Section 106(c) of the Constitution is hereby amended by Amendment of
Section 106(c)
8 substituting the words "School Certificate" with "Ordinary National
9 Diploma" immediately after the phrase "at least the".
- 10 **4.** Section 131(b) of the Constitution is hereby amended by adding Amendment of
Section 131(b)
11 the words "but is not beyond Seventy years" immediately after the words
12 "forty years".
- 13 **5.** Section 131(d) of the Constitution is hereby amended by Amendment of
Section 131(d)
14 substituting the words "School Certificate" with "Higher National Diploma,
15 First Degree" immediately after the word "at least".
- 16 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
Republic of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend Sections 65(2)a, 106(c), 131(b) and 131(d) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) by raising the educational qualifications required for election into the offices of the President, National and State Houses of Assembly in Nigeria.