

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT TO PROHIBIT MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND RESIDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSIONERS FROM ENGAGING IN PARTISAN POLITICS WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS OF RETIREMENT, RESIGNATION AND OFFICIAL RELIEF OF DUTIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Electoral Act (herein referred to as "The Principal Act") is Amendment of
- 2 hereby amended as set out hereunder. the Principal Act
- 3 **2.** The Principal Act is hereby amended by creating new Sub-
- 4 section 2 in Section 146 as follows:
- 5 (2) Notwithstanding (1) above, and anything to the contrary in any
- 6 enactment or law, a person who holds or has held office as a member of the
- 7 Commission appointed by the President by virtue of the 3rd Schedule, Part 1
- 8 (F) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) and Resident Electoral
- 9 Commissioners appointed under the Act shall not, until after a period of five
- 10 years immediately after retirement, resignation or official relief of duties, be
- 11 qualified for any elective office in Nigeria.
- 12 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, Citation
- 13 2019.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act to Prohibit Members of the National Electoral Commission and Resident Electoral Commissioners from engaging in Partisan Politics within five (5) years of Retirement, Resignation and Official Relief of Duties.