

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO RAISE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION FOR ELECTIVE POSITIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23  
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this bill referred to as "the  
3 Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Alteration of  
the Constitution

4           2. Section 153. subsection (1) of the Principal Act is altered by  
5 creating new paragraph after the existing paragraph (n) as follows:

Alteration of  
Section 153  
subsection (1)  
to the Principal  
Act

6           "(o) National Education Council".

7           3. The Third Schedule, Part 'I', of the Principal Act is altered by  
8 creating new paragraph after the existing paragraph (n) as follows:

Alteration of  
Third Schedule  
Part "I" to the  
Principal Act

9           "O - National Education Council"

10          4. The Third Schedule, Part 'I', of the Principal Act is altered by  
11 creating new section after the existing section 32 as follows:

12          33. The National Education Council shall comprise the following  
13 members;

14          (a) the Vice-President who shall be the Chairman;

15          (b) the Governor of each State of the Federation;

16          (c) the Minister of the Government of the Federation responsible  
17 for education;

18          (d) the Chairman of National University Commission;

19          (e) the Executive Secretary of National Board for Technical  
20 Education;

1 (f) the Chairman of National Commission for Colleges of Education;

2 and

3 (g) the Chairman of Tertiary Education Trust fund (TETFUND).

4 34. The Council shall have power to advise the President on matters  
5 relating to the education of the Federation, and in particular on measures  
6 necessary for the co-ordination of educational development efforts or  
7 educational policies and programmes of the various Governments of the  
8 Federation.

Citation

9 5. This Bill is cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of  
10 Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to establish National Education Council to play advisory role to the President on matters relating to education as part of Federal Executive Bodies established under section 153 of the Principal Act.