

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHT OF WOMEN TO PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION IN APPOINTIVE AND ELECTIVE OFFICES IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Oluga Taiwo

[] 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) hereinafter called "The Principal Act" is hereby amended as
3 follows;

Amendment of
the Principal Act

4 2. Section 42 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by adding a
5 new Section 42A immediately after the existing section which shall read as
6 follows:

Amendment of
Section 42 of the
Principal Act

7 "42A the State shall take specific positive action, through enabling
8 legislation and other measures, to ensure that women are represented
9 proportionately in all appointive and elective positions, and for the purpose
10 of this section, proportionate representation shall be at least 35% of women
11 representation in all appointive and elective positions mentioned in this
12 Constitution."

13 3. Section 223 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by including
14 in paragraph(a) of subsection(1) thereof, the words "and candidates for
15 election" and amending paragraph(b) thereof to include 35 percent (%)
16 women representation and it shall read as follows:

Amendment of
Section 223 of the
Principal Act

17 "223(1) the Constitution and rules of a Political Party shall:

18 (a) Provide for the periodical election on democratic basis of the
19 principal officers, members of the executive committee or other governing

- 1 body of the political party, and candidates for election; and
2 (b) Ensure that members of the executive committee or governing
3 body of the political party and candidates for election shall reflect Federal
4 Character of whom at least 35 percent (%) shall be women".
5 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
6 Nigeria (amended) Bill, 2020.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999(as amended) to make it compulsory for States and Political Parties in Nigeria to reserve 35% appointive, elective and executive committee seats for women.