

A BILL
FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP. C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE AS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND BE VOTED FOR AND REDUCE THE VOTING AGE IN NIGERIA TO SIXTEEN YEARS IN ORDER TO ENGENDER GREATER POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND DEMOCRACY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Onofiok Luke

[] Commencement

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

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

2. Insert after section 40 of the Principal Act, a new section "40A":
40A (1) Every citizen of Nigeria shall have the right to vote and be voted for subject to the provisions of this and be Constitution.
(2) A citizen of Nigeria, who has attained the age of 16 years, shall be entitled to be registered as a voter for any election."

3. Section 77(2) of the Principal Act is deleted.

4. Section 117(2) of the Principal Act is deleted.

5. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2020.
- Alteration of Cap. C23, LFN, 2004

Insertion of section 40A

Right to vote and be voted for

Deletion of subsection 77(2)

Deletion of subsection 117(2)

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide as a fundamental human right the right to vote and be voted for and reduce the voting age in Nigeria to 16 years in order to engender greater political participation and democracy.