

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ENABLE WOMEN BE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENES OF A STATE BY VIRTUE OF MARRIAGE WHEN RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Ovie Omo - Agege

[] 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 (in Alteration of the
2 this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Act. Constitution 1999
- 3 **2.** Section 65 of the Principal Act is altered by Substituting for the Alteration of
4 existing subsection (2), a new Subsection "(2)"- section 65
- 5 (2) A person shall be qualified for election under subsection (1) of
6 this section if the person-
- 7 (a) He has been educated up to at least School Certificate level or
8 its equivalent; and
- 9 (b) Is a member of a political party and is sponsored by that party;
- 10 and
- 11 (c) Being a woman, is married to an indigene of the State".
- 12 **3.** Section 106 of the Principal Act is substituted for a new section' Alteration of
13 106'- section 106
- 14 "106. Subject to the provisions of section 107 of this Constitution,
15 a person shall be qualified for election as a member of a House of Assembly
16 if the person -
- 17 (a) Is a citizen of Nigeria;
- 18 (b) has attained the age of twenty-five years;
- 19 (c) He has been educated up to at least School Certificate level or

1 its equivalent;

2 (d) He is a member of a political party and is sponsored by that party;

3 and

4 (e) Being a woman, is married to an indigene of that State".

Citation

5 **4.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
6 of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the identification of women as indigenes of a State by marriage when running for office.