

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF YOUTHS AND WOMEN APPOINTED AS MINISTERS, AMBASSADORS AND STATE COMMISSIONERS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Ovie Omo - Agege

[] Commencement

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

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 147 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the Alteration of
4 existing subsection (3) a new subsection (3)- Section 147

5 "(3) any appointment under subsection (2) of this section by the
6 President shall be in conformity with the provisions of section 14(3) of this
7 Constitution:

8 Provided that in giving effect to the provisions aforesaid the
9 President shall appoint at least one Minister from each State, who shall be an
10 indigene of such State, and of which:

11 (a) At least five of which shall not be older than the age of forty
12 years at the time of appointment; and

13 (b) At least five shall be women."

14 **3.** Section 171 of the Principal Act is altered in subsection (5) by Alteration of
15 inserting immediately after the word 'unity', the words, Section 171

16 "Provided that in the appointment of Ambassador, High
17 Commissioner or other Principal Representative of Nigeria abroad-

18 (a) At least five of which shall not be older than the age of forty
19 years at the time of appointment; and

	1	(b) At least five shall be women."
Alteration of Section 192	2	4. Section 192 of the Principal Act is altered by Substituting for the
	3	existing subsection (1) a new subsection (1)-
	4	"(1) there shall be no such offices of Commissioners of the
	5	Government of the State as may be established by the Governor of the State, of
	6	which:
	7	(a) At least five Commissioners shall not be more than the age of forty
	8	years at the time of appointment; and
	9	(b) At least five shall be women."
Citation	10	5. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
	11	of Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration, No. 29) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provides for the minimum number of youths and women appointed as Ministers, Ambassadors and State Commissioners.