

New Section 65(2)(c)	1	5. Section 65(2) is altered by inserting immediately after sub clause
	2	(2) (b) a new sub clause (c) "in the case of an independent candidate, he has
	3	obtained the signatures of 100 registered voters from each of all the State
	4	House of Assembly constituencies in the respective Senatorial Zone, for a
	5	Senatorial candidate and the signatures of 50 registered voters from each of all
	6	electoral wards in the respective Federal Constituency, for a House of
	7	Representatives candidate."
Amendment of Section 106(d)	8	6. Section 106(d) is altered by inserting after the last word "party" I
	9	"or he is an independent candidate".
New Section 106(e)	10	7. Section 106 is altered by inserting immediately after sub clause (d)
	11	a new sub clause (e) "in the case of an independent candidate, he has obtained
	12	the signatures of 50 registered voters from each of all electoral wards in the
	13	respective State House Assembly Constituency.
Amendment of Section 131(c)	14	8. Section 131(c) is altered by inserting after the last word "party" I
	15	"or he is an independent candidate".
New Section 131(d)	16	9. Section 131 is altered by inserting immediately after sub clause (c)
	17	a new sub clause (d) "in the case of an independent candidate, he has obtained
	18	the signatures of 100 registered voters from each of all the federal
	19	constituencies in Nigeria.
Amendment of Section 171(c)	20	10. Section 177(c) is altered by inserting after the last word "party" I
	21	"or he is an independent candidate".
New Section 171(d)	22	11. Section 177 is altered by inserting immediately after sub clause
	23	(c) a new sub clause (d) while the existing sub section (d) becomes subsection
	24	(e), etc. to wit "in the case of an independent candidate, he has obtained the
	25	signatures of 50 registered voters from each of all electoral wards in the
	26	respective State.
New Section 171(e)	27	12. Section 228 is altered by inserting a new paragraph "(e)" "for
	28	procedures, guidelines and qualifications for access to the ballot by political
	29	parties and independent candidates".

- 1 **13.** A new section 318 is created "subject to the provisions of this New Section 318
2 constitution, the Independent National Electoral Commission shall, by
3 regulations, prescribe the payment of such administrative fees by
4 independent candidates for respective elections, providing that the
5 Commission shall make a waiver of 50% of the respective fees for all
6 women candidates".
- 7 **14.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution (Alteration) Bill, Citation
8 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for independent candidates to various elective positions in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended and other conditions that must be met by each person who seeks to contest as an independent candidate.