

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (WITH ALTERATIONS) IN ORDER TO REVIEW THE REQUIREMENTS THAT QUALIFIES A PERSON TO BE ELECTED AS PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, GOVERNOR AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF A STATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere*

[ ] 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 (with  
2 Alterations) (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby  
3 amended as set out hereunder. Amendment of  
the Principal Act

4           **2.** Section 131 (d) of the Principal Act is amended by altering the  
5 educational requirements that qualifies a person to be elected as President as  
6 follows: Amendment of  
Section 131 by  
altering paragraph  
(d) of the section

7 A person shall be qualified for election to the office of President if-

8           (d) he has been educated up to at least University level and has  
9 earned a Bachelor's Degree in his chosen field of study.

10           **3.** Section 131 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new  
11 paragraph (e) as follows: Amendment of  
Section 131 by  
inserting a new  
paragraph (e) in  
the section

12           (e) he is not more than sixty (60) years at the time of vying for the  
13 office of President.

14           **4.** Section 177 (d) of the Principal Act is amended by altering the  
15 educational requirements that qualifies a person to be elected as Governor as  
16 follows: Amendment of  
Section 177 by  
altering paragraph  
(d) of the section

17 A person shall be qualified for election to the office of Governor if-

1 (d) he has been educated up to at least University level and has earned  
2 a Bachelor's Degree in his chosen field of study.

Amendment of  
Section 177 by  
inserting a new  
paragraph (e)  
in the section

3 **5.** Section 177 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new  
4 paragraph (e) as follows:

5 "(e) he is not more than sixty (60) years at the time of vying for the  
6 office of Governor of a State.

Citation

7 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of  
8 Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (with Alterations) in order to review the requirements that qualifies a person to be elected as President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and Governor and Deputy Governor of a State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.