

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT NO. 61 OF 2022 TO PROVIDE A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE REAL-TIME TRANSMISSION AND COLLATION OF ELECTION RESULTS TO ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY AND CREDIBILITY IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Murphy Omoruyi

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Electoral Act No. 61 of 2022 (in this Bill referred to as "the
2 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
the Electoral Act
No. 61 of 2022
- 3 **2.** Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended: Amendment of
the Section 50
- 4 (a) in subsection (2), by deleting the words "and transmission of
5 results"; and
- 6 (b) by inserting after the existing subsection "(2)", a new
7 subsection "(2A)":
- 8 "(2A) The Commission shall electronically transmit election results in real
9 time, making them publicly viewable. These electronically transmitted
10 results must also be electronically collated, with the electronically
11 transmitted and collated results taking precedence over manual collation,
12 which will serve solely for documentation purposes."
- 13 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, Citation
14 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act No. 61 of 2022 to provide a legal framework for the real-time transmission and collation of election results to enhance transparency and credibility in the electoral process.